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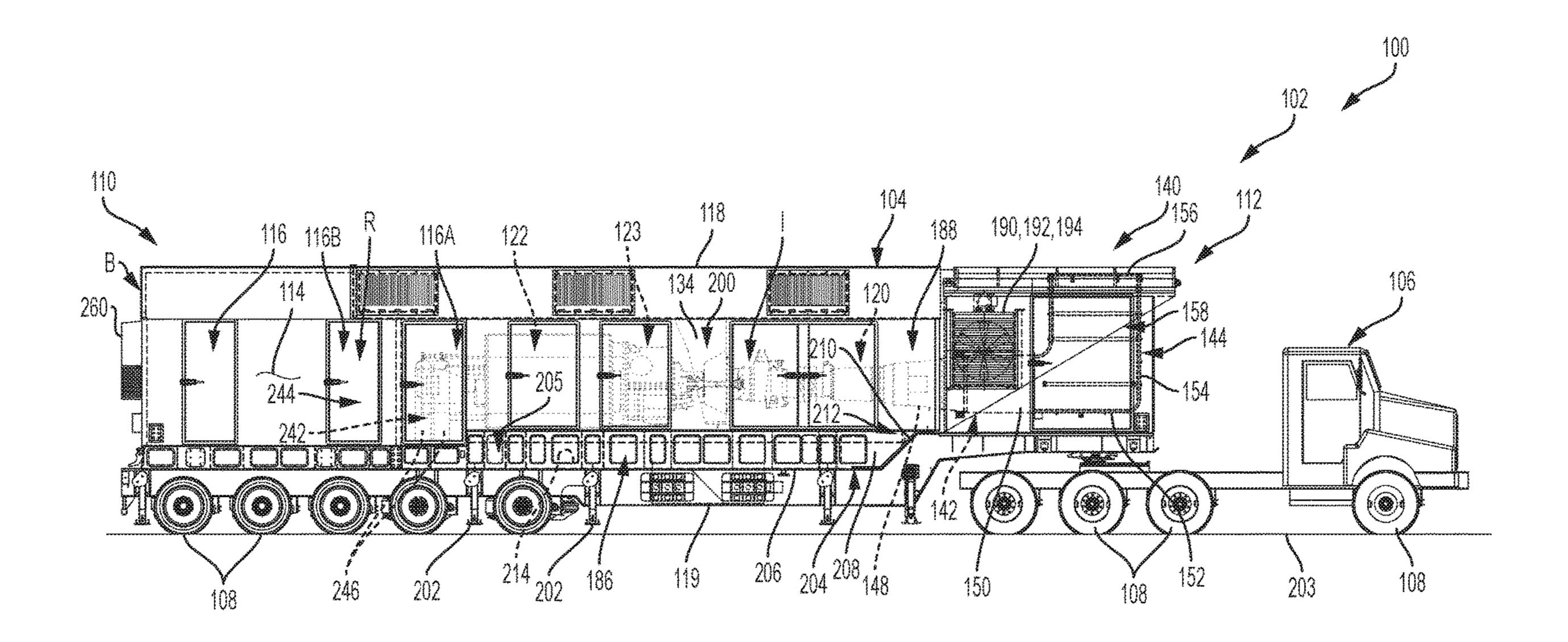
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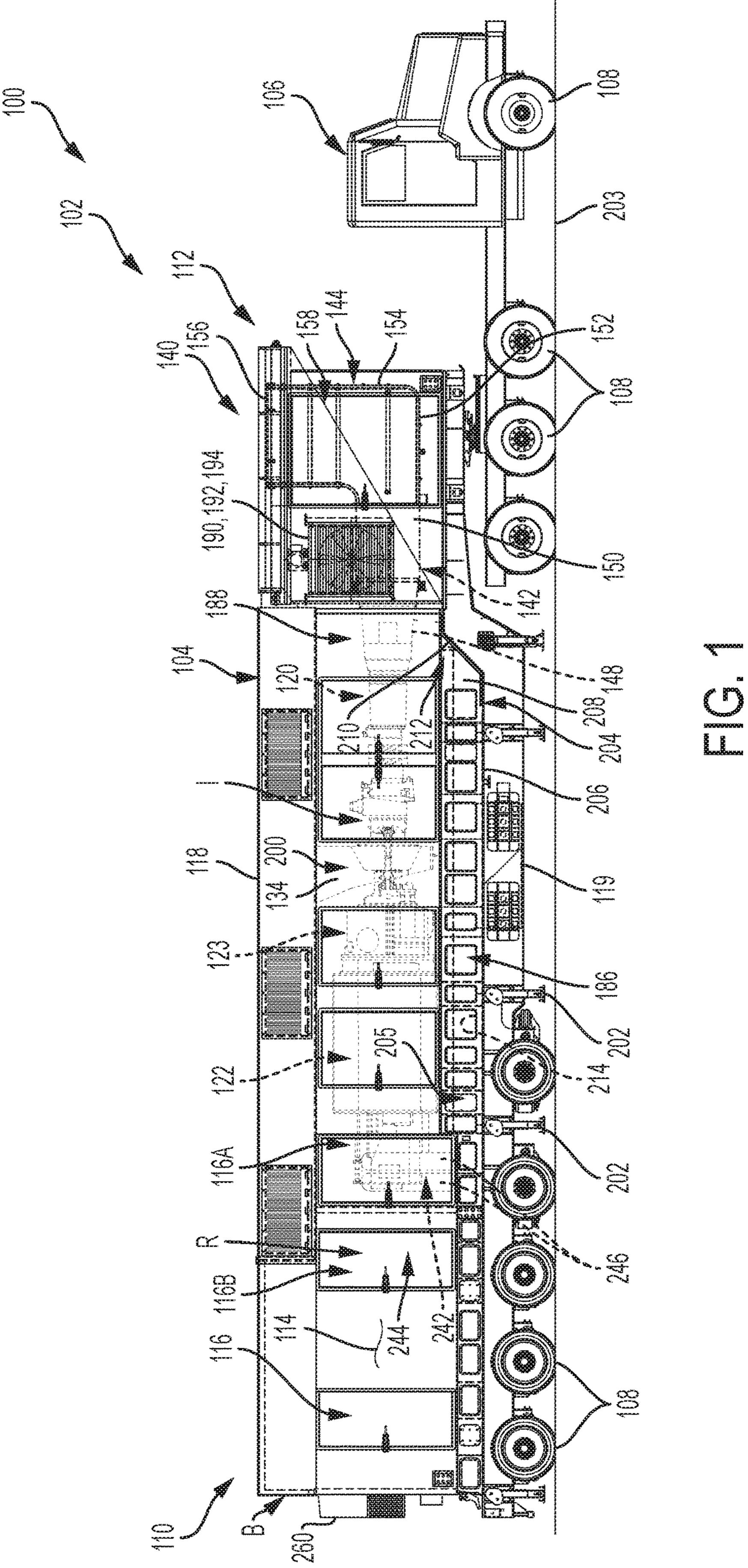
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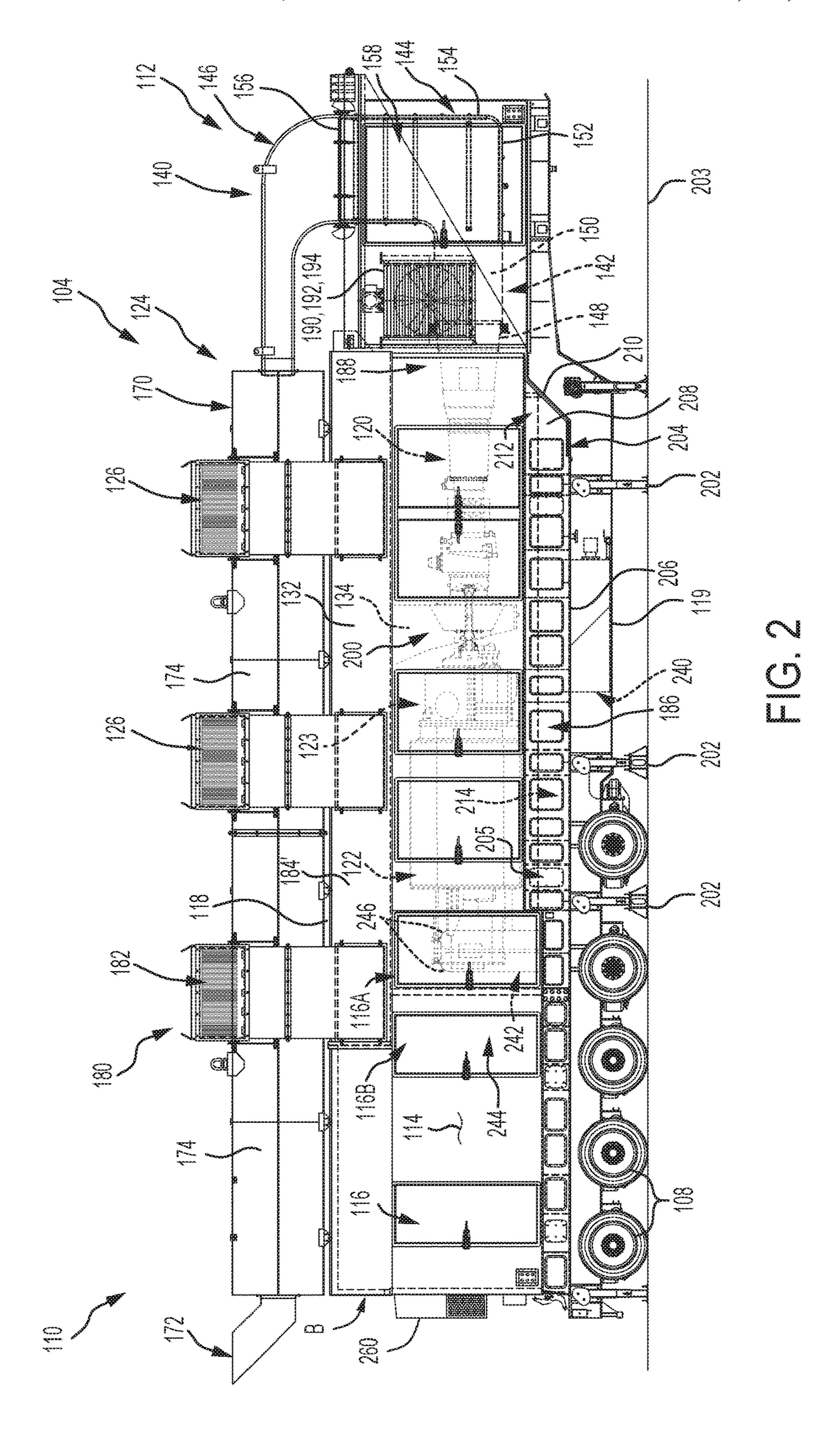
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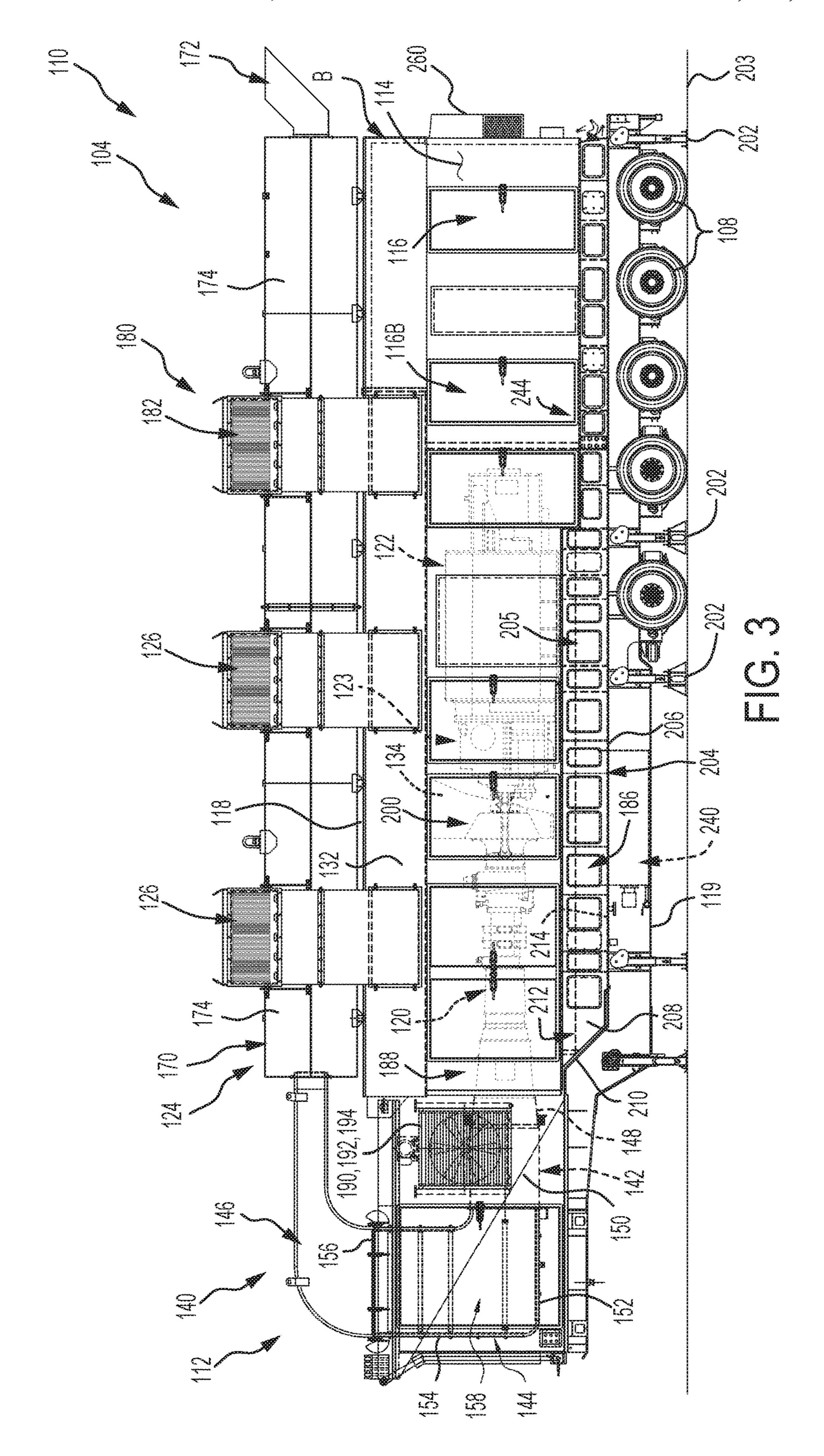
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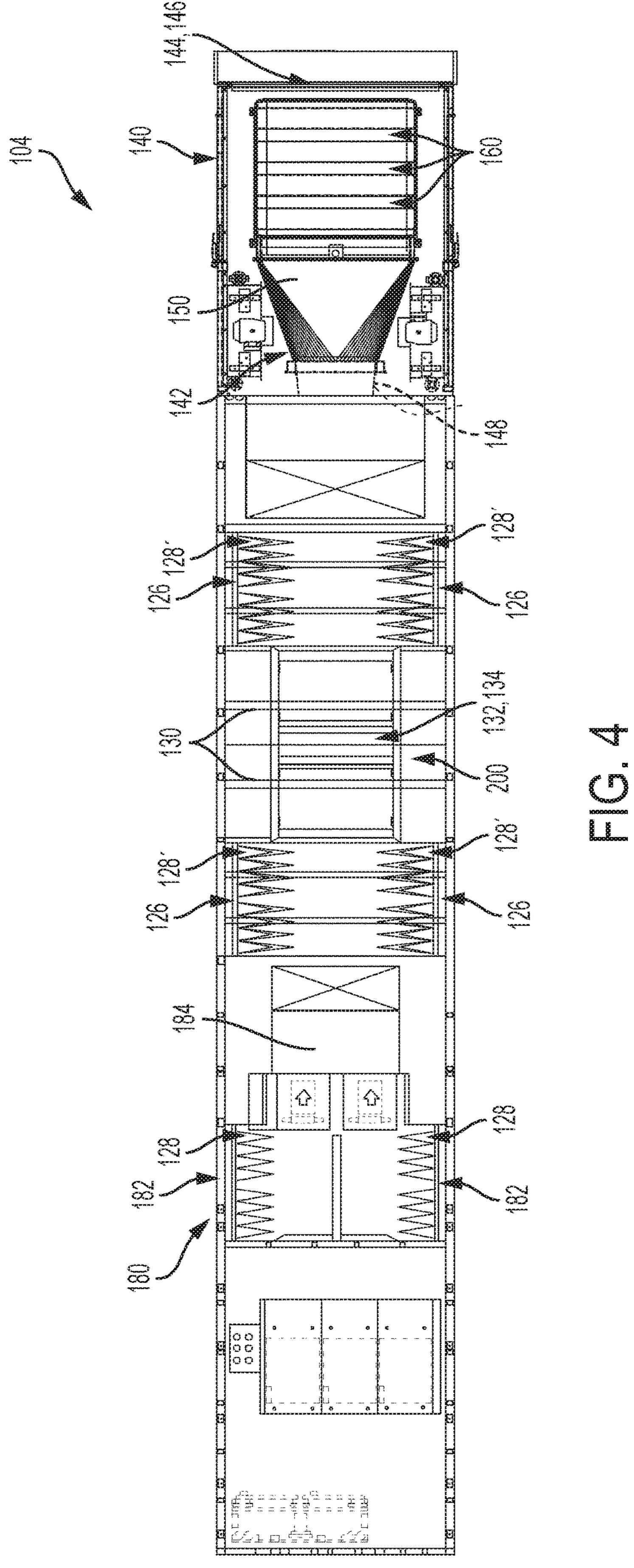
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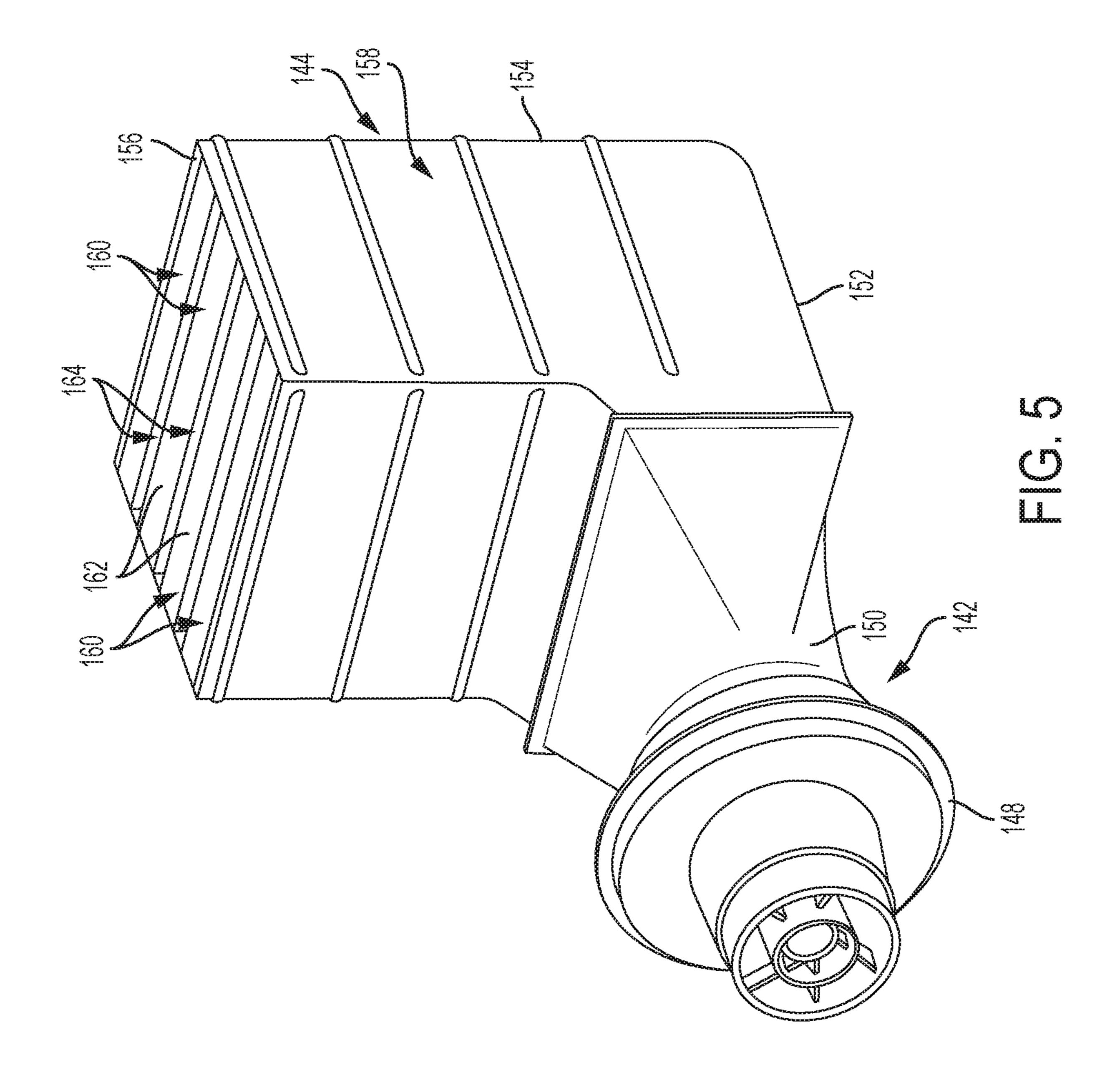


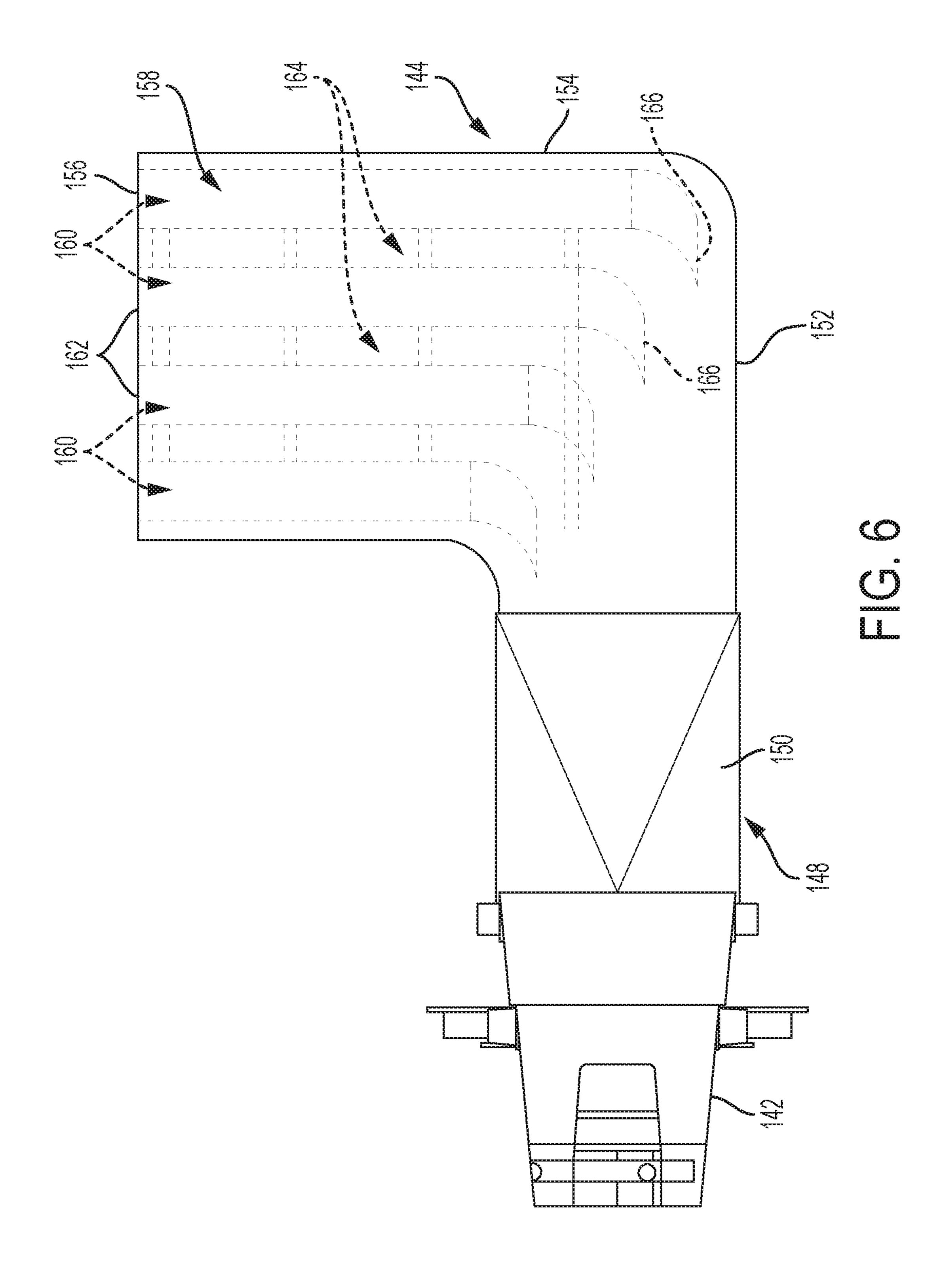




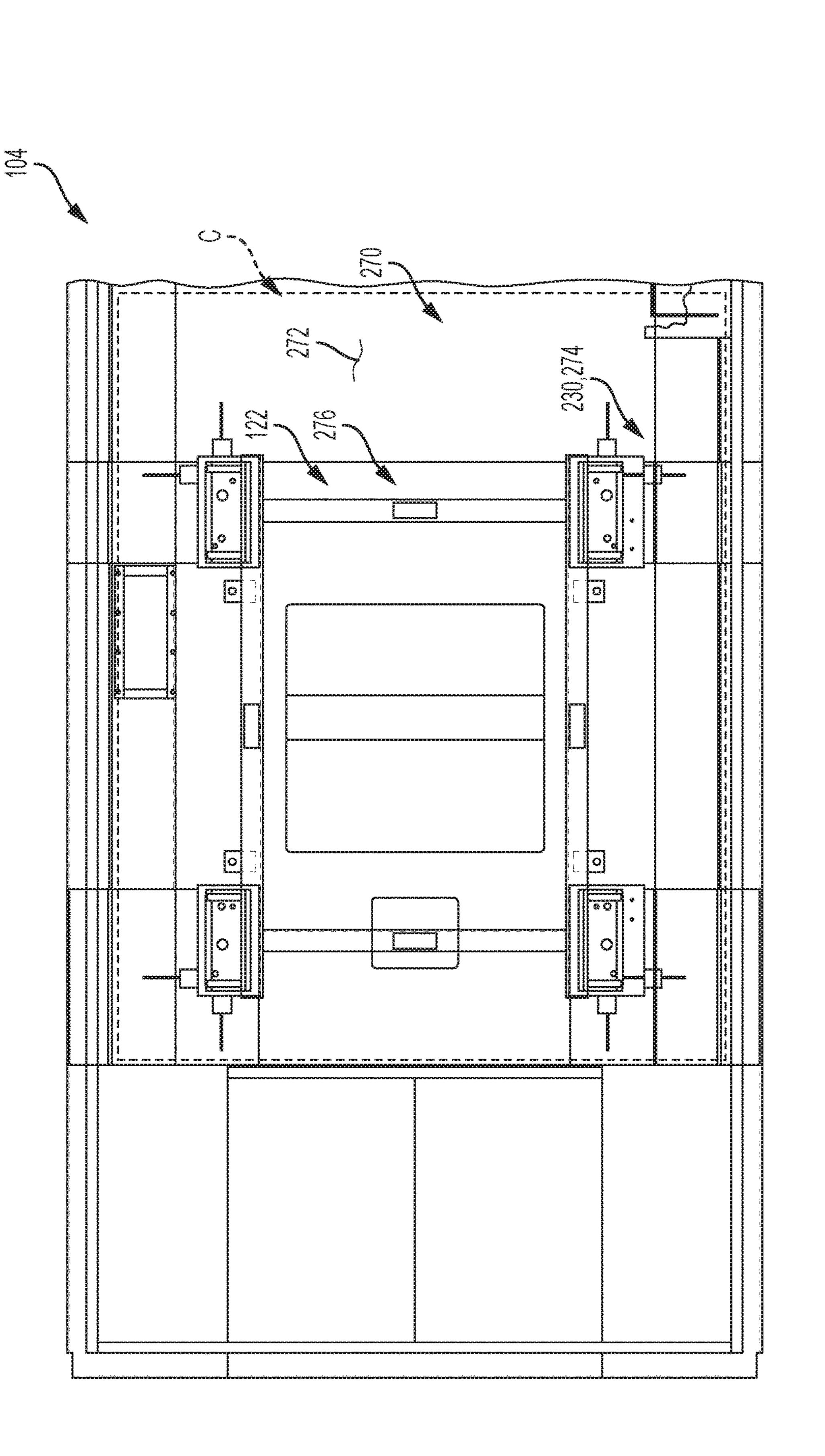


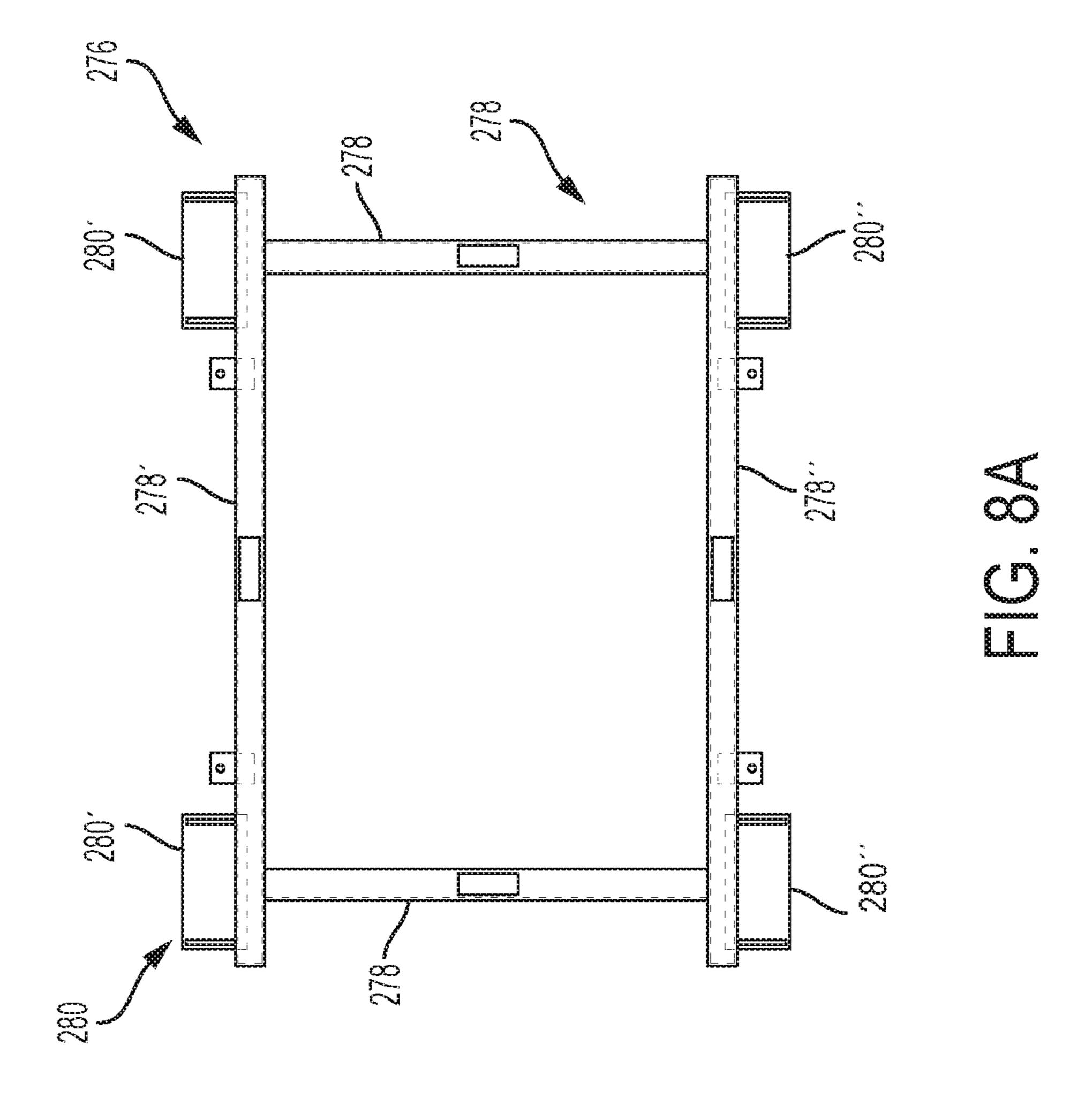


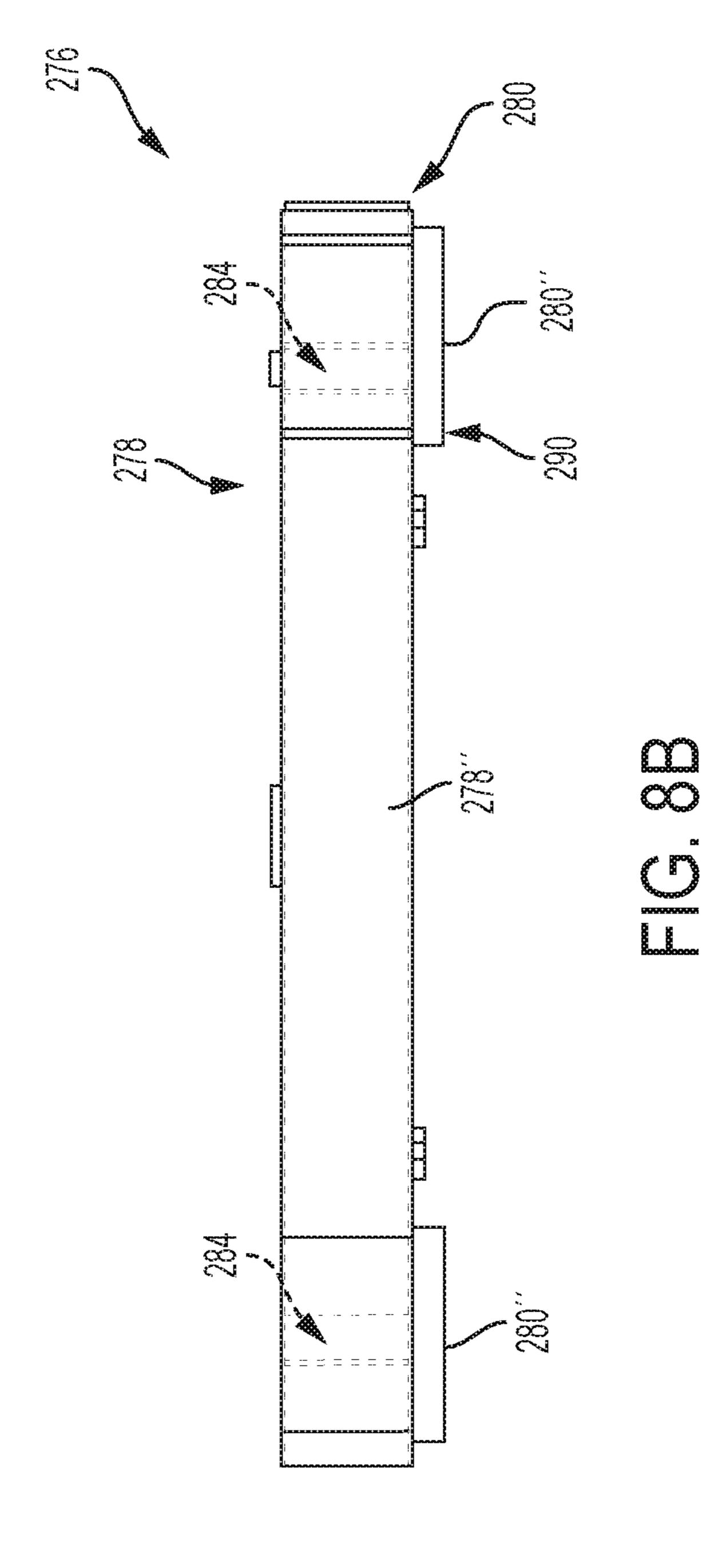


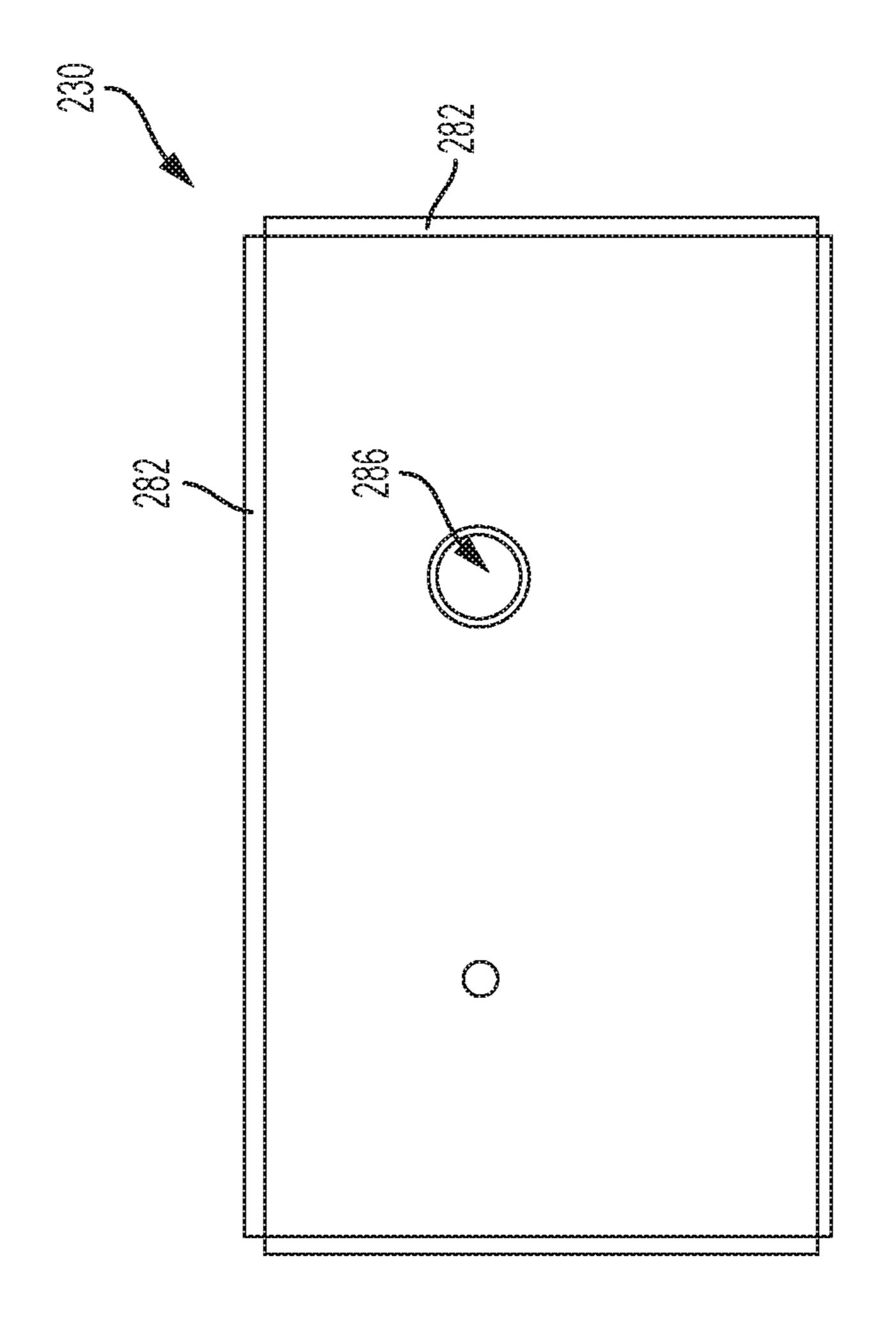


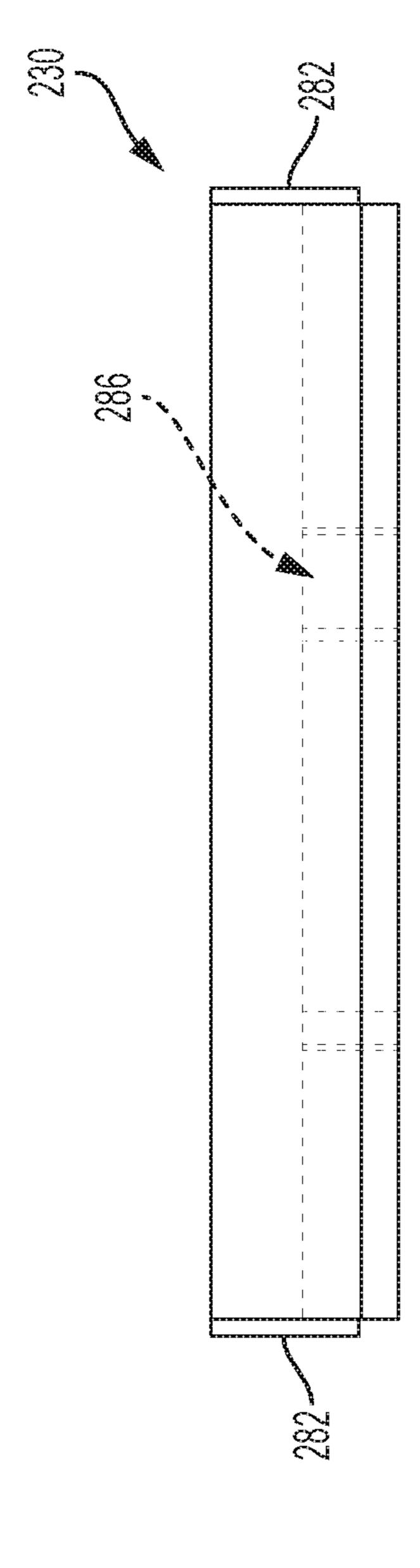
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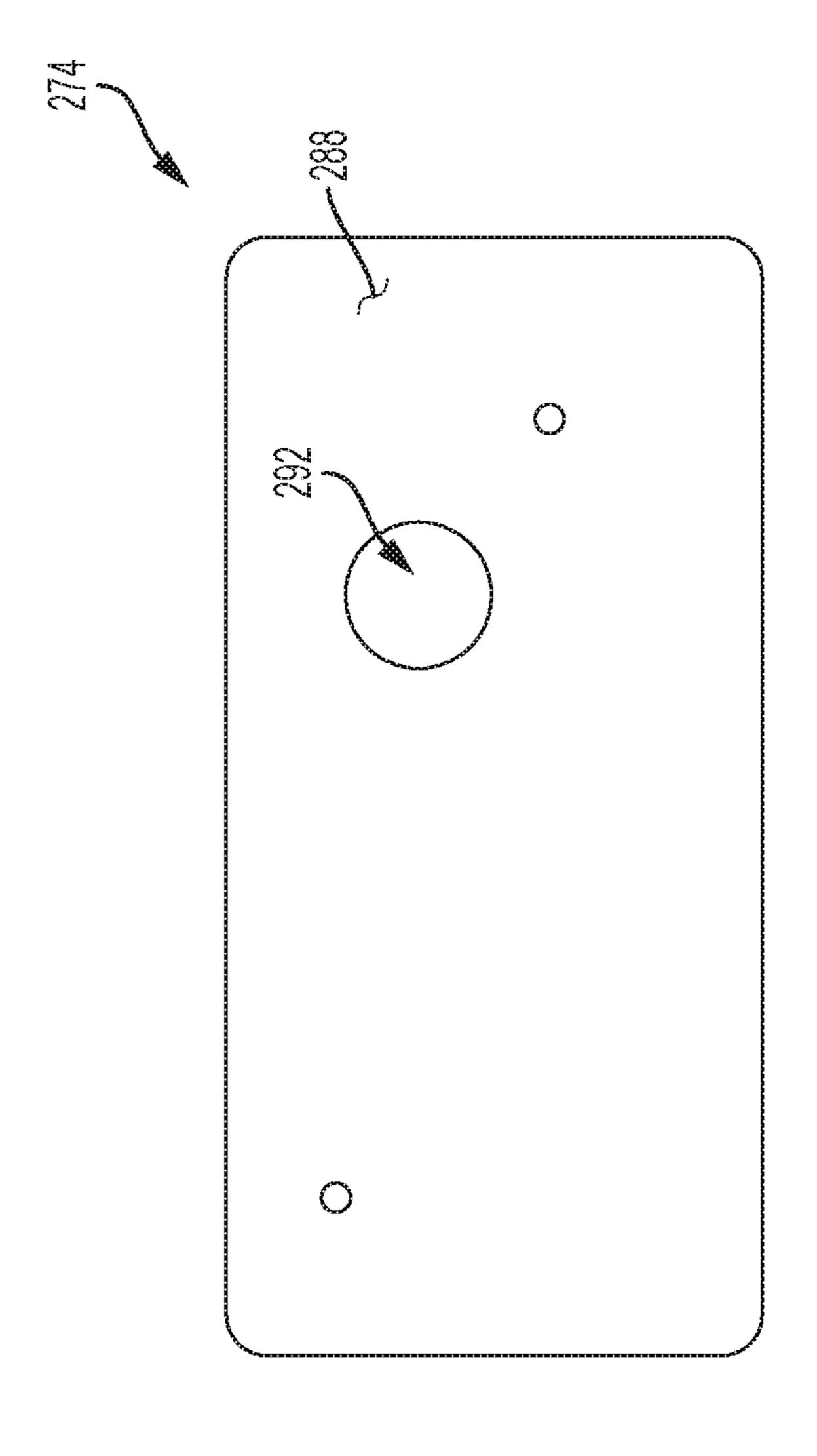


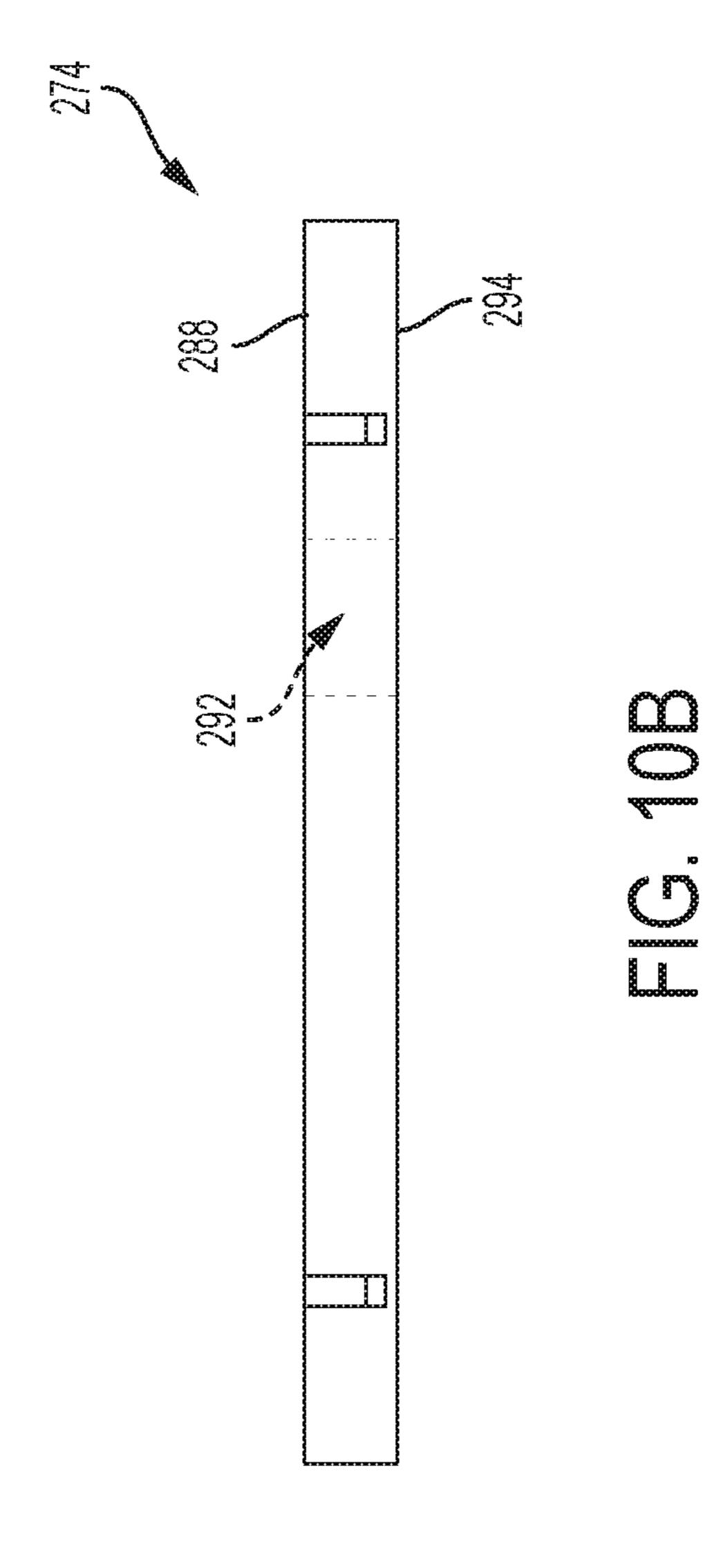


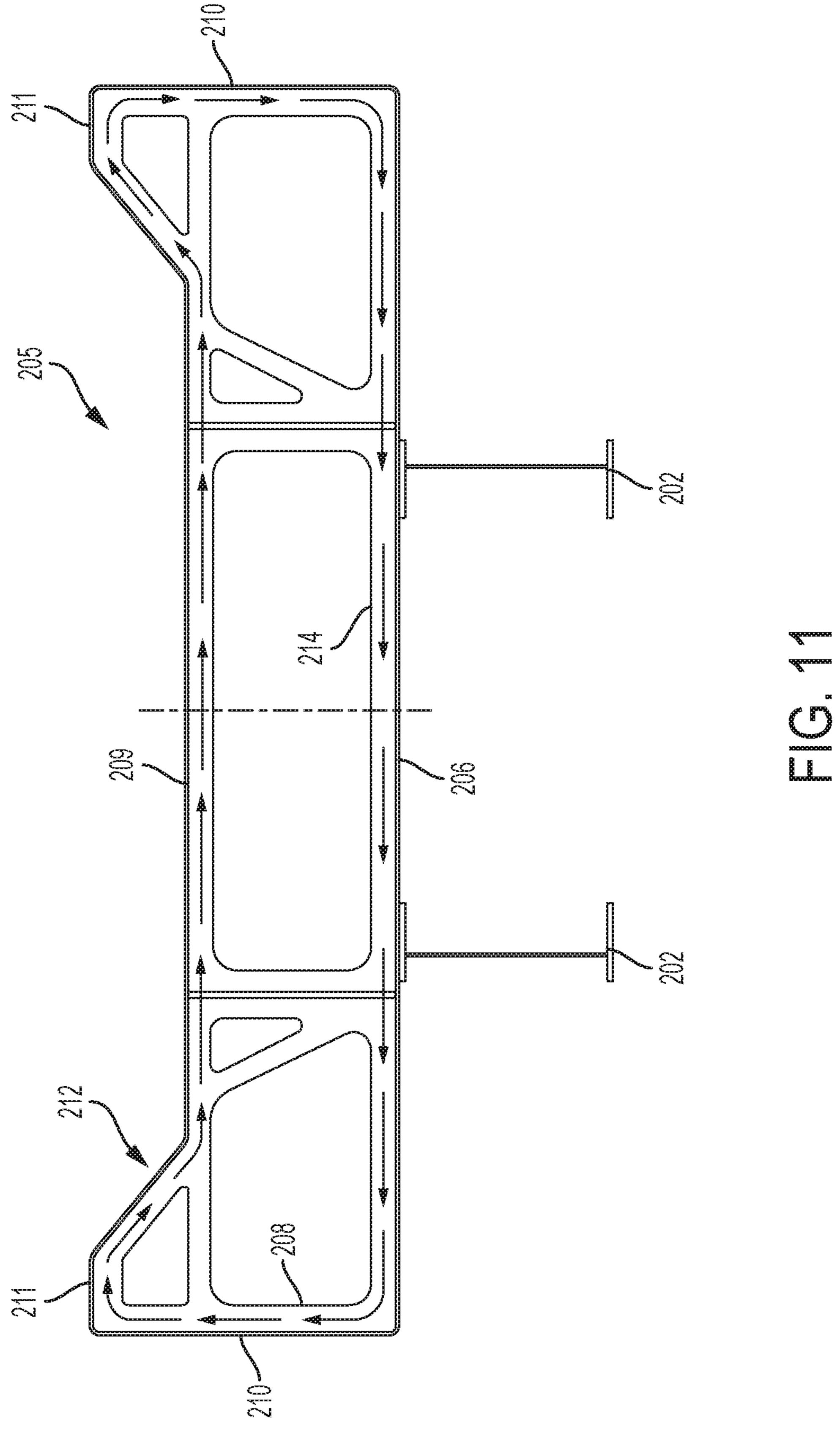


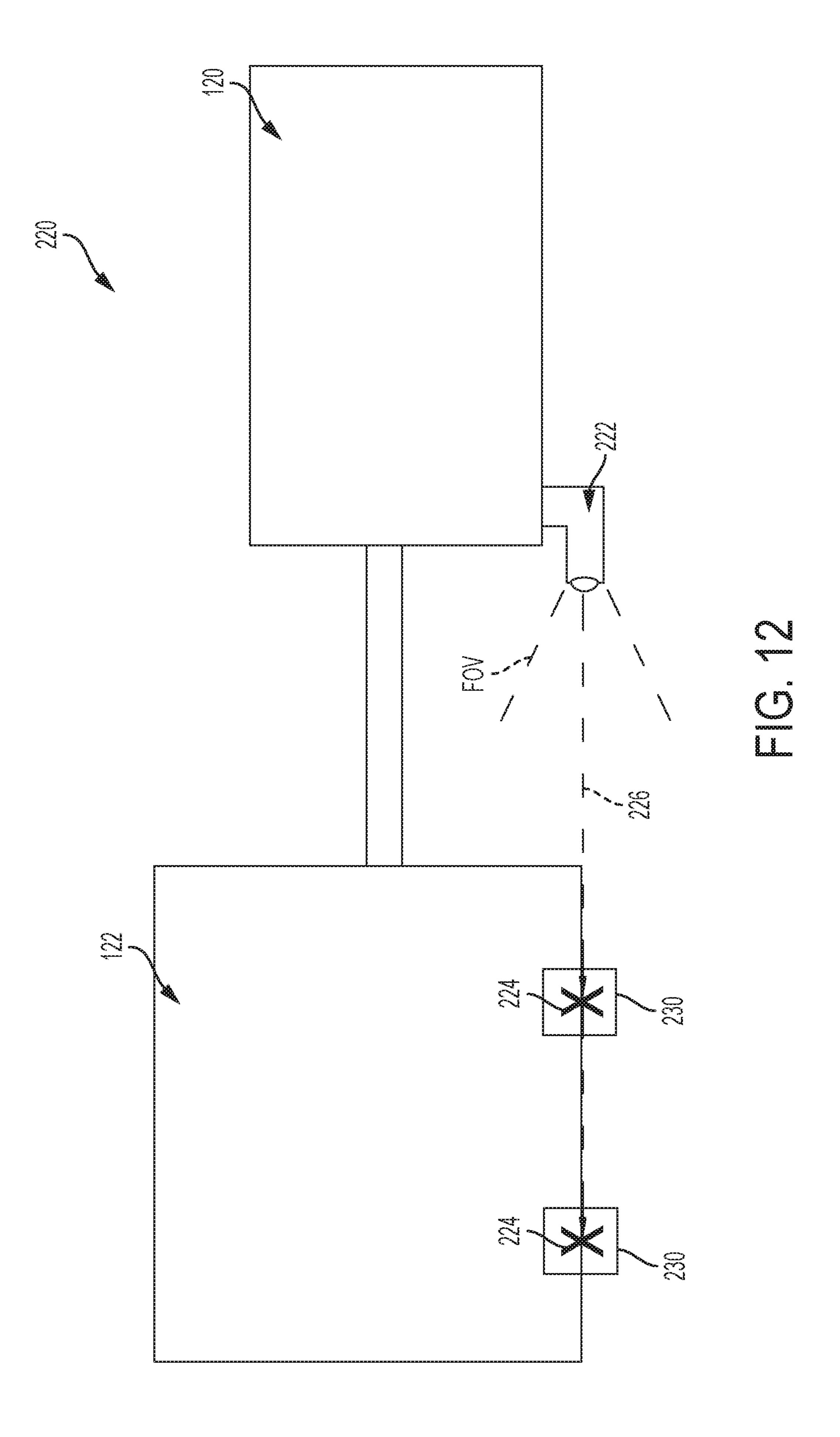


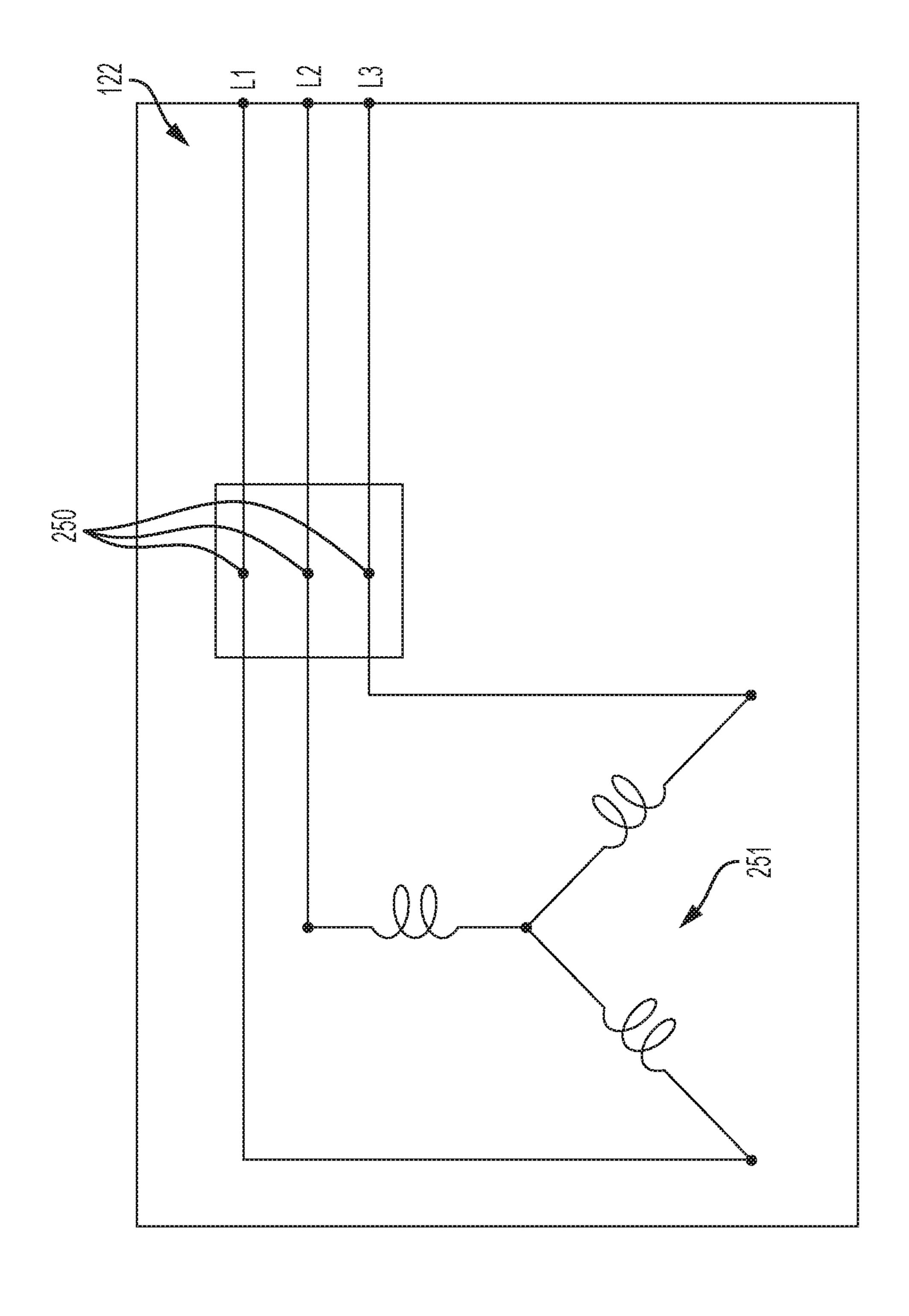


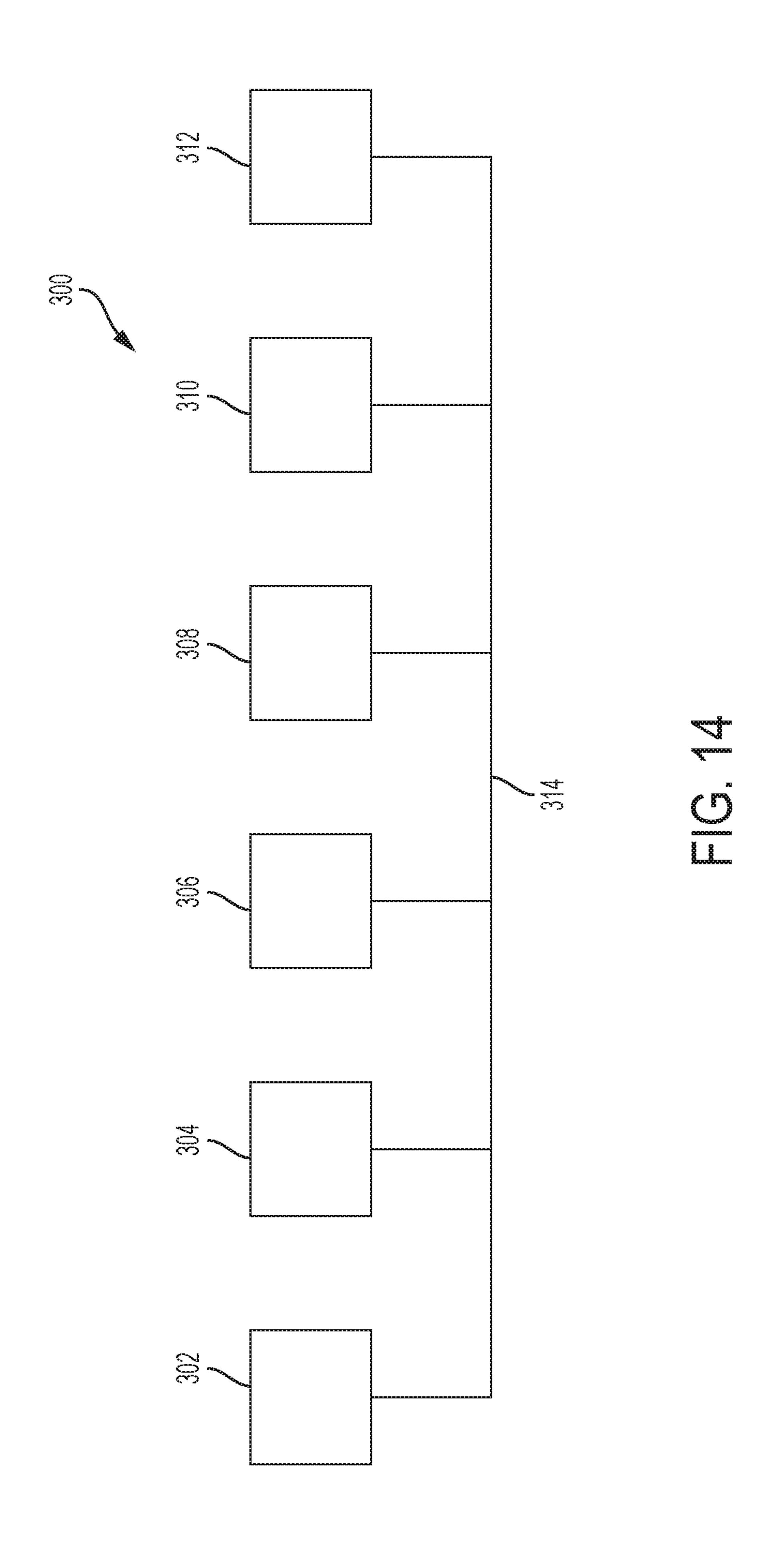












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MOBILE POWER GENERATION SYSTEM INCLUDING AIR FILTRATION

TECHNICAL FIELD

The present specification generally relates to power generation systems, and more specifically to mobile power generation systems for operations that may use remotely generated power, such as fracking.

BACKGROUND

The present disclosure relates generally to a mobile power generation system, and more particularly to a gas turbine-based mobile power generation system that can provide 15 electrical power through a generator to a plurality of electrically driven motors operating as, for example, fluid pumps in a fracturing operation (also referable to as fracking). Such remotely generated power may be in addition to or an alternative of power from the grid.

In a fracturing operation, a fluid and additive slurry including sand is injected at a wellbore into a rock formation that bears hydrocarbon to allow for fracturing as the sand remains in a created fracture in a flow path in the wellbore while most of the other injected fluids flow back and are 25 recovered from the wellbore. The created fracture with the sand creates a permeable membrane for hydrocarbon fluids and gases (i.e., natural gas) to flow through for recovery and use as, for example, an energy source.

Electrical power may be generated and used to deliver ³⁰ fracturing fluid through fluid pumps to a wellbore at the fracturing operation site. Surface pumping systems including such fluid pumps are utilized to accommodate the various fluids, which pumping systems may be mobilized at wellbores on, for example, skids or tractor-trailers. A dedicated source of power may be a turbine generator coupled to a source of natural gas that drives the turbine generator to produce electrical power. The electrical power may be sent to one or more of the surface pumping systems through coupling cables such as leads to couple to and operate the ⁴⁰ fluid pumps.

The fracturing operation site often encompasses a large footprint with the number of wellbores and supporting components. The supporting components take time to be transported to the fracturing operation site and to be setup 45 for utilization at the fracturing operation site with the wellbores. A reduction in setup time would assist with increased efficiency in use of such supporting components at the fracturing operation site. Accordingly, there exists a need for an alternative mobile power generation system.

BRIEF SUMMARY

In one embodiment, a mobile power generation system may include a trailer including a rear end, a front end, a 55 bottom end, and a top end defining therebetween an interior space, a gas turbine housed inside the trailer in the interior space, an electrical generator coupled to the gas turbine to generate electricity and housed inside the trailer in the interior space, and a plurality of air inlets disposed on a side 60 panel of the trailer. The side panel may be disposed below the top end and between the rear end and the front end of the trailer. The plurality of air inlets may be in fluid communication with the gas turbine and the electrical generator, and the plurality of air inlets may be configured to receive and 65 filter air comprising at least one of combustion air and ventilation air.

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In embodiments, the plurality of air inlets may include at least a pair of ventilation air inlets and a plurality of combustion air inlets. The plurality of combustion air inlets may include a first pair of combustion air inlets and a second 5 pair of combustion air inlets. Each of the plurality of air inlets may be configured to include an opening sized and shaped to hold an air filter, and each combustion air inlet may include an opening configured to receive a pair of air filters such that one air filter is stacked within another air 10 filter. The opening of each combustion air inlet may be a 2 foot by 2 foot opening. The plurality of combustion air inlets may include at least a pair of combustion air inlets, and a plurality of baffles may be positioned between the pair of combustion air inlets, each baffle configured to assist with absorption of noise energy and having a thickness in a range of from about 2 inches to about 8 inches thick.

In embodiments, the gas turbine is configured to receive combustion air from the plurality of combustion air inlets and the electrical generator is configured to receive a portion of ventilation air from the pair of ventilation air inlets. The trailer may further include a plenum centrally disposed between and in fluid cooperation with the plurality of combustion air inlets, and the gas turbine may include a duct downstream of the plenum and disposed between the plenum and the gas turbine, the plenum and the duct configured for receipt of combustion air. The duct may include a bell-mouth inlet duct configured to be a convergent inlet air duct to direct combustion air into an inlet of the gas turbine. The bell-mouth inlet duct may include an area that decreases in size in a downstream direction in which combustion air flows into the gas turbine. The inlet of the gas turbine is configured to receive about 28,000 CFM of combustion air. The trailer may further include a plenum in fluid communication with the pair of ventilation air inlets, and the electrical generator may include one or more fans in fluid communication with the plenum and configured to draw the portion of ventilation air into an inlet of the electrical generator. A remaining portion of ventilation air in the plenum may be configured to be diverted to surround an outside of the electrical generator. The portion of ventilation air may include about a ²/₃ of the ventilation air, and the remaining portion of ventilation air may include about 1/3 of the ventilation air. The ventilation air in the plenum may include around 15,000 CFM, the inlet of the electrical generator may be configured to receive about 10,000 CFM of ventilation air, and the remaining portion of ventilation air to surround the outside of the electrical generator may include about 5,000 CFM.

The electrical generator may be configured to release the portion of ventilation from within through an outlet of the electrical generator for combination with the remaining portion of ventilation air surrounding the electrical generator to form a recombined ventilation air. A base opening section may be configured to receive the recombined ventilation air and direct the recombined ventilation air in a downstream flow for capture an air capture area that may include a fan unit. The fan unit may be configured to release the recombined ventilation air to atmosphere. The air capture area may be configured to surround a diffuser disposed downstream of the gas turbine toward the front end of the trailer.

A plurality of silencer hoods respectively may include a plurality of air inlets, each air inlet of each silencer hood disposed at a top end of each silencer hood and in fluid communication with a corresponding air inlet of the plurality of air inlets disposed on the side panel of the trailer. One or more vane depositors may be positioned in each silencer hood between each air inlet disposed at the top end of each

silencer hood and the corresponding air inlet disposed on the side panel of the trailer, wherein each vane depositor is configured to extract water from air

In another embodiment, method for air filtration in a mobile power generation system may include providing the 5 mobile power generation system including a trailer including a rear end, a front end, a bottom end, and a top end defining therebetween an interior space, a gas turbine housed inside the trailer in the interior space, an electrical generator coupled to the gas turbine to generate electricity and housed inside the trailer in the interior space, the electrical generator comprising an inlet and one or more fans in fluid communication with the inlet, and at least a pair of ventilation air inlets and a plurality of combustion air inlets $_{15}$ disposed near the top end of the trailer on a side panel of the trailer, the side panel disposed below the top end and between the rear end and the front end of the trailer. The method may further include receiving, into the gas turbine, combustion air from the plurality of combustion air inlets for 20 combustion in the gas turbine, receiving, into and around the electrical generator, ventilation air from the pair of ventilation air inlets, cooling the electrical generator through the ventilation air, releasing the ventilation air from the electrical generator, and releasing the ventilation air to atmosphere. ²⁵

In embodiments, receiving, into the gas turbine, combustion air from the plurality of combustion air inlets comprises may include receiving combustion air through the plurality of combustion air inlets, drawing the combustion air to a first plenum centrally and fluidly disposed between the plurality of combustion air inlets, and directing the combustion air from the first plenum into the gas turbine. Receiving, into and around the electrical generator, ventilation air from the pair of ventilation air inlets may include receiving ventilation air through the pair of ventilation air inlets, drawing the ventilation air into a second plenum in fluid communication with the pair of ventilation air inlets, drawing a first portion of the ventilation air from the second plenum into the inlet of the electrical generator through the one or more fans of 40 the electrical generator, and drawing a second portion of the ventilation air from the second plenum to around an outside of the electrical generator.

These and additional features provided by the embodiments described herein will be more fully understood in 45 view of the following detailed description, in conjunction with the drawings.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

The following detailed description of the present disclosure can be best understood when read in conjunction with the following drawings, where like structure is indicated with like reference numerals and in which:

- FIG. 1 illustrates a passenger side elevation view of an example mobile power generation system on a mobile unit such as a trailer, which is attached to a tractor, according to one or more embodiments of the present disclosure;
- FIG. 2 illustrates another passenger side elevation view of 60 the mobile unit of FIG. 1 in addition to a noise attenuation assembly, according to one or more embodiments of the present disclosure;
- FIG. 3 illustrates a driver side elevation view of the mobile unit of FIG. 2;
- FIG. 4 illustrates a top plan cross-sectional view of the mobile unit of FIG. 2;

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- FIG. 5 illustrates an isometric view of an exhaust elbow of the mobile unit of FIG. 2 including a plurality of baffles, according to one or more embodiments of the present disclosure;
- FIG. 6 illustrates a side elevation view of the exhaust elbow of FIG. 5;
- FIG. 7 schematically illustrates a top plan view of a fixture assembly including a fixture and a plurality of pads, the fixture assembly configured to arrange pads to support an electrical generator in a portion of the mobile unit of FIG. 2, according to one or more embodiments of the present disclosure;
- FIG. 8A schematically illustrates a top plan view of the fixture of FIG. 7;
- FIG. 8B schematically illustrates a side elevation view of the fixture of FIG. 8A;
- FIG. 9A schematically illustrates a top plan view of an example generator pad of the fixture assembly of FIG. 7;
- FIG. 9B schematically illustrates a side elevation view of the example generator pad of FIG. 9A;
- FIG. 10A schematically illustrates a top plan view of an example sole plate of the fixture assembly of FIG. 7;
- FIG. 10B schematically illustrates a side elevation view of the example sole plate of FIG. 10A; and
- FIG. 11 schematically illustrates a closed cell base structure supported by one or more support jacks, according to one or more embodiments of the present disclosure;
- FIG. 12 schematically illustrates a side elevation view of an optical alignment system for online leveling of a rotor of the electrical generator with the gas turbine based on positioning of the one or more support jacks, according to one or more embodiments of the present disclosure;
- FIG. 13 schematically illustrates an electrical generator including one or more taps to provide power to generator parasitic loads such as the one or more auxiliary systems while also providing the main primary load output power through line ends, according to one or more embodiments of the present disclosure; and
- FIG. 14 schematically illustrates a system for implementing a computer and software-based method to operate one or more systems described herein, such as an optical alignment system, according to one or more embodiments of the present disclosure.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

Referring initially to FIG. 1, a mobile power generation system 100 described herein includes a mobile unit 102 that may include a trailer 104 coupled to a tractor 106, each of the trailer 104 and tractor 106 including a plurality of wheels 108. The trailer 104 includes a rear end 110, a front end 112 to which the tractor 106 is configured to be attached, and side panels 114 disposed between the rear end 110 and front end 112. The side panels 114 each comprises one or more access doors 116 configured to access areas of the mobile power generation system 100 housed inside the trailer 104. The trailer 104 further includes a top end 118 and a bottom end 119 respective disposed along top and bottom portions of the side panels 114 and connecting the front end 112 to the rear end 110.

A power control room 244 including, among other components, switchgear, may be positioned at the rear end 110 of the trailer 104 and may be maintained as a regulated portion R at a desired room temperature through an integrated heat, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system 260, which is described in greater detail below. The rear

end 110 of the trailer 104 may further include one or more wall sockets to receive respective coupling cables through which electrical power may be sent to one or more of the surface pumping systems to couple to and operate the fluid pumps.

By way of example and not as a limitation, the trailer 104 houses a gas turbine 120 and an electrical generator 122 coupled to and placed in cooperation with the gas turbine 120. The gas turbine 120 is a combustion engine that may further include a transmission shaft that extends from its 10 main rotational shaft(s) (i.e., coupled to the engine's compressor or turbine) to deliver power to the electrical generator 122. The electrical generator 122 may be placed in mechanical power from the gas turbine 120 is converted to electric power for use by one or more electric motors (not shown). Each electric motor may be part of one or more surface pumping systems at a fracturing operation site.

The gas turbine 120 is a combustion engine configured to 20 convert fuels such as natural gas into mechanical energy that drives the electrical generator 122 to produce electrical energy. The gas turbine 120 may be, for example, an aeroderivative ROLLS-ROYCE 501-K series industrial gas turbine as distributed by OnPower, Inc. of Lebanon, Ohio. 25 The gas turbine 120 may include integrated reduction gear including gearing for reduction of a turbine speed to an alternator speed for the electrical generator 122. By way of example and not as a limitation, the turbine speed may be in a range of from about 14,500 RPM to about 14,600 RPM at, 30 respectively, a range of from about 50 Hz to about 60 Hz. Further, the reduced alternator speed may be in a range of from about 1,500 RPM to about 1,800 RPM at, respectively, a range of from about 50 Hz to about 60 Hz. A start system including a starter source as known to those skilled in the art 35 may be used to start the gas turbine 120.

The gas turbine 120 is configured to compress combustion air in a compressor and mix the compressed air with fuel that is burned at high temperatures to combust and to produce a pressurized, heated gas. For example, combustion air as 40 described herein refers to incoming air that is directed toward the gas turbine 120 for combustion. The pressurized, heated gas moves through turbine blades downstream of the compressor in the gas turbine 120 to cause the turbine blades to spin. The pressurized, heated gas may be heated to about 45 1895 degrees Fahrenheit for example. The spinning turbine blades turn a drive shaft of the gas turbine 120, which drive shaft is connected to a rotor of the electrical generator 122. The rotor is configured to turn a magnetic device that is surrounded by wire coils in the electrical generator **122** to 50 cause creation of a magnetic field that leads to movement of electrical charge through the wire in the production of electricity. The electrical generator 122 described herein is coupled to the gas turbine 120 to generate electricity, and both the electrical generator 122 and the gas turbine 120 are 55 housed inside the trailer 104 in an interior space I defined by and within the rear end 110, the front end 112, the top end 118, the bottom end 119, and the pair of side panels 114 of the trailer 104. For example, the electrical generator 122 is coupled to the gas turbine 120 through reduction gearing 60 123, which all having rotating elements that interact together to product electricity.

Referring to FIGS. 2-3, a noise attenuation assembly 124 is configured to be attached to the top end 118 of the trailer **104**. The noise attenuation assembly **124** is attached to and 65 in fluid communication with to an exhaust silencer system 140, described in greater detail further below, which exhaust

silencer system 140 is attached to the front end 112 of the trailer 104 of the mobile unit 102.

The noise attenuation assembly **124** further comprises a plurality of silencer hoods respectively comprising at top ends one or more combustion air inlets 126 or one or more ventilation air inlets 182, which are described in greater detail further below. The plurality of silencer hoods are disposed along outer edges of and extend upwardly with respect to side walls of an exhaust silencer unit 170 of the noise attenuation assembly 124, described in greater detail further below, and are further configured to attenuate noise as described herein. A plurality of combustion air inlets 126 and a pair of ventilation air inlets 182 at tops of the silencer cooperation with a drive shaft of the gas turbine 120 so that 15 hoods, as shown in FIG. 2, attach to and are in fluid communication with respective, corresponding combustion air inlets and ventilation air inlets disposed below the top end 118 and on side panels 114 of the trailer 104, as shown in FIG. 1. As described in greater detail below, ventilation air as described herein refers to incoming air that is drawn in by the ventilation air inlets 182 and used for ventilation and cooling of at least the electrical generator 122. Thus, each air inlet 126, 182 at each top end of each silencer hood is in fluid communication with a corresponding air inlet disposed on an upper portion of a side panel 114 of the trailer 104. As a non-limiting example, one or more vane depositors, such as a 2 and half pass (i.e., turn) vane depositor, configured to extract water from air may be positioned between each inlet 126, 182 and a respective corresponding air inlet disposed on the upper portion of a side panel 114 of the trailer 104.

> By way of example and not as a limitation, the gas turbine 120 receives combustion air from a pair of combustion air inlets 126 mounted along top, side portions of the trailer 104 of the mobile unit **102**. Each combustion air inlet **126** may include an opening sized and shaped to hold an air filter 128. In embodiments, as illustrated in FIG. 4, a pair of air filters 128' may be doubled up such that one air filter 128 is stacked within another air filter 128. The pair of air filters 128' may be received in the opening of a respective combustion air inlet 126, which may be a 2 foot by 2 foot opening, for enhanced silencing and filtration. A plurality of baffles 130 may be positioned between the combustion air inlets 126 to assist with absorption of noise energy and may be, for example, about 2 inches to about 8 inches thick each.

> Combustion air from each combustion air inlet 126 may be drawn toward a central meeting point in a plenum 132 in cooperation with the combustion air inlets 126 and down through a duct **134** disposed between the plenum **132** and the gas turbine 120 for receipt in the gas turbine 120. The duct 134 may be a bell-mouth inlet duct configured to be a convergent inlet air duct to direct combustion air into an inlet of the gas turbine 120. The bell-mouth inlet duct area may get smaller as combustion air flows into the gas turbine 120. As a non-limiting example, about 28,000 CFM of combustion air may be received by the gas turbine 120.

> Referring to FIGS. 2-6, the mobile power generation system 100 includes the exhaust silencer system 140 disposed at the front end 112 of the trailer 104 of the mobile unit 102. The exhaust silencer system 140 includes a diffuser system 142 coupled to a lower exhaust elbow silencer 144 that is coupled to and in fluid communication with an upper exhaust elbow 146. The upper exhaust elbow 146 is configured to be coupled to and in fluid communication with the noise attenuation assembly 124 such that gas exiting from the exhaust silencer system 140 is received through at least an inlet of the noise attenuation assembly 124 and flows in

a direction from the front end 112 to the rear end 110 of the trailer 104, as described in greater detail further below.

Exhaust gas from a downstream end of the gas turbine 120 flows through a diffuser 148 of the diffuser system 142. The diffuser 148 is configured to reduce the speed and decrease the pressure of the exhaust gas while directing the exhaust gas into a collector 150 of the diffuser system 142. The diffuser 148 is coupled to the gas turbine 120, and the collector 150 is coupled to and in fluid communication with the lower exhaust elbow silencer 144 of the exhaust silencer system 140. As a non-limiting example, a diameter of the diffuser 148 is increased from 20 inches to about 30 inches to decrease pressure.

The lower exhaust elbow silencer 144 is attached to the diffuser 148 and the collector 150. The exhaust gas flows from the collector 150 into a bottom end 152 of the lower exhaust elbow silencer 144 of the exhaust silencer system **140** and then turns at an upward angle from the bottom end 152 into a side portion 154 of the lower exhaust elbow 20 silencer 144 of the exhaust silencer system 140. The lower exhaust elbow silencer 144 includes the bottom end 152 configured to receive gas from the diffuser system 142, and the side portion 154 angled upwardly with respect to the bottom end 152. The exhaust gas flows through the side 25 portion 154 to a top end 156 of the lower exhaust elbow silencer 144. The top end 156 defines an outlet, the outlet including a plurality of spacings defined by and between a plurality of baffles 160 configured to attenuate noise and described below. At the top end **156**, the exhaust gas flows 30 into the upper exhaust elbow 146 and turns again at a sideways angle to flow through into the noise attenuation assembly 124. For example, the upper exhaust elbow 146 includes an upper portion that is longitudinally attached to respect to the lower exhaust elbow silencer **144**. The angles of turn described herein may each be, for example, a 90 degree angle. The lower exhaust elbow silencer **144** and the upper exhaust elbow 146 may in combination form a U-shaped elbow structure.

With respect to the lower exhaust elbow silencer 144, a vertical space 158 is defined between the bottom end 152 and the top end 156 along a width defined by internal walls of the side portion 154. The plurality of baffles 160 may be disposed in the vertical space 158. The plurality of baffles 45 160 are configured to assist with noise attenuation through silencing of the exhaust gas. The plurality of baffles 160 may be distributed in a parallel arrangement in the vertical space 158 of the lower exhaust elbow silencer 144. The plurality of baffles 160 may have a thickness in a thickness range of 50 from about six (6) inches to about eight (8) inches thick, respectively. The plurality of baffles 160 may be distributed in a vertical, parallel fashion in the vertical space 158 as illustrated in FIGS. 5-6.

The plurality of baffles 160 may have closed top ends 162 55 defining spacing 164 between a pair of baffles 160. The plurality of baffles 160 may include bottom ends 166 curving toward the direction of exhaust air intake in a pointed configuration. The bottom ends 166 may be closed. Each baffle 160 may be made of stainless steel, fiberglass, like 60 materials, or a combination thereof to assist with absorption of noise energy.

The top end **156** of the lower exhaust elbow silencer **144** is in fluid communication with a bottom end of the upper exhaust elbow **146**. The upper exhaust elbow **146** has a top 65 end that is in fluid communication with a top-mounted, exhaust silencer unit **170** of the noise attenuation assembly

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124. The exhaust gas flows through the exhaust silencer unit 170 for release to atmosphere through a turbine exhaust opening 172.

The exhaust silencer unit 170 may include a pair of coupled silencer components 174 that are in fluid communication with one another and mounted to the top end 118 of the trailer 104 of the mobile unit 102. Each silencer component 174 may extend with a length of twenty (20) feet and have a width of eight (8) feet and a height of four (4) feet, such that the exhaust silencer unit 170 with a pair of coupled silencer components 174 is forty (40) feet long, eight (8) feet wide, and four (4) feet tall.

Further, each silencer component 174 may include a central opening extending between ends of the silencer 15 component **174**. Each silencer component **174** may also include a first frame portion of material surrounding the central opening and made of, for example, a perforated stainless steel such as 304 stainless steel. Each silencer component 174 may include a second frame portion that may surround the first frame portion. The second frame portion may be made of an acoustical insulation material such as, for example, fiberglass or a like material suitable to absorb noise energy. For example, the acoustical insulation material may be made of FIBERGLAS TIW Types I and/or II Insulations as available from OWENS CORNING comprising a thermal insulating wool that is configured for use in applications up to 1000 degrees Fahrenheit. Each silencer component 174 may include a third frame portion that may surround the second frame portion and may be made of outer enclosure material such as steel or a like metal material. A plurality of metal studs may connect one or more of the frame portions to one another.

In embodiments, referring to FIGS. 2-4, a ventilation system 180 configured to provide electrical generator cooling may include a pair of ventilation air inlets 182 in fluid communication with a plenum 184, which is in fluid communication with an inlet of the electrical generator 122 comprises one or more fans such that a portion of air is drawn into the inlet of the electrical generator 122 and excess air is directed around the electrical generator 122. Atmospheric air is drawn in as ventilation air through an axial fan disposed in the vertical space 158. The plurality of baffles 160 may be disposed in the vertical space 158. The plurality of baffles 160 are configured to provide electrical generator cooling may include a pair of ventilation air inlets 182 in fluid communication with an inlet of the electrical generator 122 comprises one or more fans such that a portion of air is drawn into the inlet of the electrical generator 122. Atmospheric air is drawn in as ventilation air through an axial fan disposed in an opening defining each ventilation air inlet 182. Walls defining the opening to receive the axial fan may define a 2 foot by 2 foot space. An air filter 128 disposed in each opening of each ventilation air inlet 182 assists to clean the ventilation as well.

In embodiments, approximately $\frac{2}{3}$ of the ventilation air is drawn through the plenum **184** and through the inlet of the electrical generator **122**. The other $\frac{1}{3}$ of the ventilation air is drawn through the plenum **184** and is diverted around an outside wall of the electrical generator **122**. As an example and not as a limitation, approximately 15,000 CFM of ventilation air may be drawn in through the ventilation air inlets **182** and drawn through the plenum **184** such that (1) about 10,000 CFM is drawn into the electrical generator **122** through the inlet for generator cooling and (2) about 5,000 CFM is diverted to surround the outside of the electrical generator **122**.

Ventilation air from within the electrical generator 122 is released through an outlet and combines with the ventilation air surrounding the electrical generator 122 to travel through a base opening section 186 downstream toward the front end 112 of the trailer 104 and below a downstream end of the gas turbine 120 for capture at an air capture area 188 surrounding the diffuser 148. The air may then be released to atmosphere through a fan unit 190 disposed at the air capture area 188.

An air-oil heat exchanger 192 including an oil cooler system 194 may also be positioned in the air capture area **188**. The oil cooler system **194** may include an oil cooler, a top ventilation air and oil cooler air outlet, and a pair of hoods defining cooler inlets, each hood respectively dis- 5 posed on and extending outwardly from side panels 114 of the trailer 104 of the mobile unit 102 near the front end 112. The top ventilation air and oil cooler air outlet may be disposed on a portion of the top end 118 of the trailer 104 positioned above the air capture area 188. Oil from the gas 10 turbine and oil from the reduction gear may be able to flow through paths fluidly coupled to the oil cooler system 194 for cooling. The fan unit **190** may be used for cooling both the electrical generator 122, a gearbox for the reduction gearing, the gas turbine 120, and the air-oil heat exchanger 192. The 15 air-oil heat exchanger 192 may be part of a lubrication oil system as known to those skilled in the art for lubrication of the gas turbine 120, the gearbox, and the electrical generator **122**.

The mobile power generation system 100 may include a 20 compressor hot air supply system 200 for the anti-icing of filtration systems, such as for the anti-icing of the inlet of the gas turbine 120 along the bell-mouth duct 134. For example, icing on the air filters 128 of the filtration system may raise a pressure drop of the mobile power generation system 100 25 and diminish the power output to lead to gas turbine shut down. Thus, gas turbine efficiency and power output drops as the pressure drop increases due to icing on the air filters 128. Further, icing in the compressor may lead to damage to the internal components of the gas turbine 120. Raising an 30 inlet air temperature may assist to diminish a risk of ice formation in the bell mouth duct at the inlet of the gas turbine 120. The compressor hot air supply system 200 may be configured to take hot air from the gas turbine compressor bleed. For example, hot air may be sent through pipes from 35 the compressor of the gas turbine 120 to bleed into a reservoir and to, from the reservoir, be distributed through an anti-icing nozzle in an opposite direction of the air flow.

The mobile power generation system 102 includes wheels 108 of the mobile unit 102, which wheels 108 may include 40 frame portions made out of a metal material, such as steel, aluminum, or the like. One or more support jacks 202 may be used to support and align the trailer 104 of the mobile unit 102 with respect to a ground 203.

Referring to FIGS. 1-3 and 11, one or more of the support jacks 202 may support a base 204 of the trailer 104 disposed along the bottom end 119 of the trailer 104. The base 204 may include a closed cell base structure 205 comprising a rigid surface configured to be mounted on top of the support jacks 202. When mounted on top of the support jacks 202, 50 the closed cell base structure 205 is further configured to provide torsional stability to assist with distribution of uneven loads due to variance of forces from the support jacks 202. For example, FIG. 11 illustrates a shear flow within the closed cell base structure 205 that provides the 55 closed cell base structure 205 with a sufficient amount of torsional stiffness required due to possible deflections at each trailer support point as supported by the support jacks 202.

The closed cell base structure 205 includes a U-shaped 60 design with an exterior base 206 comprising the rigid surface configured to be mounted on the support jacks 202, intermediate exterior side walls 208 extending upwardly from side ends of the exterior base 206, and end exterior side walls 210 extending upwardly from outer ends of the 65 exterior base 206. Top portions of the end exterior side walls 210 project inwardly to form thick end wall portions 211

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each defining a wall thickness. A top opening 212 is defined by the thick end walls portions 211, top surfaces 209 of the intermediate exterior side walls 208, and interior base walls 214 extending therebetween to form the U-shaped design.

The thick end wall portions 211 of the end exterior side walls 210 are configured for a closed cell design (as indicated by the dashed lines in FIG. 11) to promote rigidity of the closed cell base structure such that eccentric load is distributed as shear forces across the closed cell base structure rather than as a punch load between a support jack 202 and the base 204. The closed cell base structure 205 thus is configured to provide a rigid design to promote stiffness and minimize bending with respect to the base 204 of the trailer 104 when supported on the one or more support jacks 202. In embodiments, the closed cell base structure 205 may be made of carbon and alloy steel, such as an ASTM A572-50 plate. The plate may include a wall thickness in a range of from about ½ feet to about ½ feet, and the closed cell based structure **205** may be about 24 inches in height and 97 inches in length, though other suitable dimensions as understood to those skilled in the art are with the scope of this disclosure.

Referring to FIG. 12, the mobile power generation system 100 may include an optical alignment system 220 for online leveling with respect to support jacks 202, trailer 104, and the ground 203. The optical alignment system 220 may be configured to send an alert upon a desired leveling of the trailer 104 with respect to ground by the support jacks 202 and/or to send an alert upon a leveling occurring outside of a desired range angle. The optical alignment system 220 is configured to align the gas turbine 120 with a rotor of the electrical generator 122 at a desired alignment, such as one shown in FIG. 1.

The optical alignment system 220 may include a camera kit including a camera 222. The camera kit may be a 8400 series camera kit available from the Brunson Instrument Company. The camera 222 may be mounted on the gas turbine 120 with a field of view (FOV) directed toward the electrical generator 122. One or more targets 224 for the camera 222 may be positioned on respective one or more generator pads 230, which are described in greater detail below, supporting the electrical generator 122.

Once a camera laser 226 transmitted from the camera 222, for example, is aligned with the one or more targets 224, a desired alignment is achieved. The optical alignment system 220 may be configured to send an alert or other notification once the desired alignment is achieved to indicate onsite leveling. The one or more support jacks 202 may be adjusted in height until the desired alignment is achieved. A digital video feed from the camera 222 may be sent back to a controller for viewing on a display of a computing device to provider a user with a visual depiction of the alignment or misalignment between the gas turbine 120 and the electrical generator 122 as well.

For example, and referring to FIG. 14, a system 300 for implementing a computer and software-based method to, for example, operate the optical alignment system 220 described herein may be implemented using a graphical user interface (GUI) provided such a display that is accessible at a user workstation 302 (e.g., a computer), an application server 304, a database 306, a computer-readable memory 308, a processor 310, and a network 312 connected through communication lines 314. The system 300 can include multiple workstations 302 and application servers 304 containing one or more applications that can be located at geographically diverse locations. In some embodiments, the system 300 is implemented using a wide area network (WAN), such as an intranet or the Internet. The workstation

302 may include digital systems and other devices permitting connection to and navigation of the network 312 through which components of the system are connected through wired or wireless communication lines 314 that indicate communication rather than physical connections 5 between the various components.

The computer-readable memory 308 may be configured as computer readable medium that is non-transitory in that computer-readable memory 308 is not a transitory signal but is a storage medium that may store nonvolatile and volatile signals and, as such, may include random access memory (including SRAM, DRAM, and/or other types of random access memory), flash memory, registers, compact discs (CD), digital versatile discs (DVD), magnetic disks, and/or other types of storage components. Additionally, the computer-readable memory 308 may be configured to store, among other things, computer readable instructions, and any data necessary to aid the optical alignment system 220 described below.

As stated above, the processor 310 may include any 20 processing component configured to receive and execute instructions (such as from the computer-readable memory 308). It is noted that the processor 310 as well as any additional controller hardware may be programmed to execute software instructions stored on the computer-readable memory 308. In some embodiments, the additional controller hardware may comprise logic gates to perform the software instructions as a hardware implementation. The processor 310 may be configured as, but not limited to, a general-purpose microcontroller, an application-specific 30 integrated circuit, or a programmable logic controller.

The optical alignment system 220 may include one or more sensors that may be incorporated into larger systems, and may be able to communicate with external devices and components of such systems via input/output hardware (not 35 shown). The input/output hardware may include any hardware and/or software for sending and receiving data to an external device. Exemplary input/output hardware includes, but is not limited to, universal serial bus (USB), FireWire, Thunderbolt, local area network (LAN) port, wireless fidel-40 ity (Wi-Fi) card, WiMax card, and/or other hardware for communicating with other networks and/or external devices.

Referring to FIGS. 1-3, the mobile unit 102 may include one or more auxiliary systems to support operating equipment such as fuel supply piping, the start system, the 45 lubrication oil system 240 including a lubrication oil tank and drain, a fire detection and extinguishing system 242, and the power control room 244. The fire detection and extinguishing system 242 may include a light-weight FM-200 fire suppression system as available from DUPONT.

Referring to FIGS. 1-2, one or more pressurized bottles 246 including FM-200 may be stored on a single side of the trailer 104 in an interior area near an end of the electrical generator 122 positioned toward the power control room 244 and away and upstream from the gas turbine 120. For 55 example, two pressurized bottles 246 may be stored behind the side panel 114 on a passenger side of the trailer 104 near the electrical generator 122 and may be accessible by a side access door 116A of the trailer 104 positioned to provide access to the fire detection and extinguishing system 242. Other fire suppression systems known to the those skilled in the art, such as those utilizing carbon dioxide, which is heavier that FM-200, are within the scope of this disclosure as well.

Referring to FIG. 13, electrical generator 122 may include one or more taps 250 to provide power to generator parasitic loads such as the one or more auxiliary systems while also

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providing the main primary load output power. For example, the electrical generator 122 may be configured to provide a 2600V-alternating current (AC) primary load (up to around 5,000 kW). The generator parasitic loads may require around 480V-AC (up to around 45 kW).

The electrical generator 122 may be configured to include a three-phrase voltage circuitry 251 including sets of three conductors and phase coiling such that a line-to-line voltage between ends of any of the three lines L1, L2, L3 generates the primary load (i.e., 2600V-AC). Further, at select points of each line, a tap 250 may be positioned to draw an auxiliary voltage of around 480V-AC from the line-to-line configuration. Thus, each tap 250 on each line may act as an auto-transformer and have a line-to-line voltage with another tap 250 on another line of the parasitic load (i.e., 480V-AC). Use of such taps 250 on the electrical generator 122 eliminates a need for an additional single-phase transformer as an additional, weighted component to drawn auxiliary power thus reducing weight, components, and potentially complexity and cost of the system. Each tap 250 may be, for example, a separate low voltage winding tab configured to draw auxiliary power from the electrical generator 122 based on the position of the tap 250 with respect to the three-phase conductors of the electrical generator 122.

In embodiments, and referring back to FIG. 1, the trailer 104 of the mobile unit 102 may include a series of side access doors 116 on each side panel 114 to access various components and systems in the trailer 104. For example, another side access door 116B may be positioned adjacent to the power control room 244 to permit access to the power control room 244.

The power control room **244** may include, for example, a switchgear center, a motor control center, a unit control panel, a fire system panel communicatively coupled to the fire detection and extinguishing system **242**, an instrument air supply compressor, one or more electronic storage devices such as a battery and/or a charger, and one or more electrical connectors to supply power. One or more blowout panels B may be positioned along a top portion of the rear end 110 of the trailer 104. The blowout panels B may be configured to monitor pressure within the power control room 244 to open upon a pressure threshold being reached such that pressure is released from the power control room **244** to atmosphere. As a non-limiting example, the pressure threshold may be in a range of from about 1.5 to 3 times atmospheric pressure. The blowout panels B are configured to mitigate damage from an electrical failure of gear in the switchgear center. For example, the one or more blowout 50 panels B may include a pair of magnetic hinged doors disposed at an aft wall of the power control room 144 and configured to relieve pressure in the power control room 244 as an arc flash protection mechanism, which arc flash event causes rapid heating of gear in the power control room 244.

The mobile power generation system 100 may further include an integrated heat, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system 260 that may be positioned at the switch-gear center at the rear end 110 of the trailer 104. In embodiments, the blowout panel(s) B may be positioned above the HVAC system 260. The HVAC system 260 may include a plurality of duct work and plenum systems throughout the mobile power generation system 100 to supply and return air through a plurality of ducts and plenums, which may be made of metal and/or fiberglass, for example, for either heating or cooling of the mobile power generation system 100 in addition to the other sub-systems described herein. For example, the HVAC system 260 may

aid to maintain one or more rooms at a desired room temperature, such as the power control room 244 including switchgear at the rear end 110 of the trailer 104, which is described in greater detail below. In embodiments, the HVAC system 260 may keep the temperature in the power control room 244 within a range of from about 50 degrees Fahrenheit to about 150 degrees Fahrenheit.

In embodiments, and referring to FIGS. 7-10B, the electrical generator 122 may be seated on a generator pad assembly 270 disposed on an internal base 272 (i.e., floor) 10 of the trailer **104** of the mobile unit **102**. The generator pad assembly 270 may include a plurality of generator pads 230 fixed to the internal base 272, a respective plurality of sole plates 274 positioned above the generator pads 230 at a spacing, and a supportive material C positioned around the 15 generator pads 230 and the sole plates 274 to fix them in an aligned position. For example, the supportive material C may be a cured porous resinous material for chocking industrial machinery or equipment such as a CHOCKFAST ORANGE (PR-610TCF) compound as available by Illinois 20 Tool Works (ITW) Engineered Polymers North America of Montgomeryville, Pa. A fixture 276 may be used to position the generator pad assembly 270 in the aligned positioned.

A method of assembling the generator pad assembly may include providing the fixture 276 to use to fix the generator 25 pad assembly 270 to the internal base 272 of the trailer 104 of the mobile unit 102. Referring to FIG. 8A, the fixture 276 may include a plurality of base beams 278 aligned and configured to form a desired alignment shape. For example, the fixture may include four base beams 278 forming a 30 rectangle.

A plurality of mounting pads 280 may extend from at least two opposing base beams 278. In an embodiment, a first pair of mounting pads 280' are positioned to extend from near ends of a first base beam 278', and a second positioned pair 35 of mounting pads 280" are positioned to extend from near ends of a second base beam 278" that is placed opposite and in parallel to the first base beam 278'.

The plurality of mounting pads 280 are configured and sized and shaped to be seated within and atop a respective 40 plurality of generator pads 230 (FIGS. 9A-9B) when the fixture 276 is used to position the plurality of generator pads 230 to the internal base 272. The plurality of mounting pads 280 are further configured and sized and shaped to be seated atop a respective plurality of sole plates 274 (FIGS. 10A-45 10B) when the fixture 276 is used to position then plurality of sole plates 274 to the internal base 272.

The plurality of generator pads 230 (FIGS. 9A-9B) are mounted onto the plurality of mounting pads 280 of the fixture 276 (FIGS. 8A-8B). An upper facing surface of the 50 fixture 276 faces upwardly, while a lower facing surface of the fixture 276 faces toward the generator pads 230 and the internal base 272. The plurality of generator pads 230 are respectively mounted onto a lower facing surface 290 of the plurality of mounting pads 280 (FIG. 8B) of the fixture 276 such that a surrounding upwardly positioned dam portion 282 of each generator pad 230 surrounds and extends upwardly past ends of each mounting pad 280. Each mounting pad 280 is fixed to each generator pad 230 through connecting mechanisms such as bolts through one or more apertures 284 in each mounting pad 280 that may join with one or more apertures 286 in a respective generator pad 230.

A center of a section of the internal base 272 may be established such as by, for example, use of a string line for alignment and use of end weight markers to mark designed 65 alignment points along the string line. One or more datum reference points may be established between the fixture and

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the internal base to set the fixture in a desired alignment position such that, for example, a center of the fixture 276 aligns with the center of the section of the internal base 272 in which to seat the electrical generator 122. The plurality of generator pads 230 may be seated against the internal base 272 in the desired alignment position and then welded to the internal base 272. The fixture 276 may be removed from the plurality of generator pads 230 prior to or after the plurality of generator pads 230 are welded to the internal base 272 of the trailer 104 of the mobile unit 102 in the desired alignment position.

Once the plurality of generator pads 230 are established in an x-position and y-position with respect to the internal base 272, and the fixture 276 removed, the fixture 276 may be attached to the plurality of sole plates 274 (FIGS. 10-10B) that will need to be established in a floating z-position with respect to respective generator pads 230. For example, the plurality of mounting pads 280 of the fixture 276 are configured to be seated against and attached to the plurality of sole plates 274. The lower facing surface 290 of each mounting pad 280 (FIG. 8B) will attach to an upper facing portion 288 of each sole plate 274, and at least one bolt may be run through apertures 292 of each sole plate 274 and respective apertures 284 of each mounting pad 280 to attach the respective mounting pads 280 and sole plates 274 together.

A bolt may be positioned between each sole plate 274 and each respective generator pad 230 above which each sole plate 274 is positioned at a desired z-position elevation. For example, each sole plate 274 may be vertically spaced from a respective generator pad 230 at a distance that may range from about ½ inches to about ½ inches.

Once the plurality of generator pads 230, the plurality of sole plates 274, and the fixture 276 is in place in the desired three-dimensional positions, a chocking compound may be poured around the generator pad assembly 270 to approximately, for example, a quarter of an inch above a lower-facing surface 294 of each sole plate 274. The chocking compound may cured for a period of time, which may range from about 12 hours to a few days. After the chocking compound is cured for the period of time, the fixture 276 may be removed from the sole plates 274 such that the generator pad assembly 270 is in a set position configured to receive the electrical generator 122 in a seated position. Further, any remaining bolts and studs that remained in position during the curing may be removed from the assembly as well.

While certain representative embodiments and details have been shown for purposes of illustrating the disclosure, it will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various changes may be made without departing from the scope of the disclosure, which is defined in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

- 1. A mobile power generation system comprising:
- a trailer including a rear end, a front end, a bottom end, and a top end defining therebetween an interior space; a gas turbine housed inside the trailer in the interior space; an electrical generator coupled to the gas turbine to generate electricity and housed inside the trailer in the interior space; and
- a plurality of air inlets disposed on a side panel of the trailer, the side panel disposed below the top end and between the rear end and the front end of the trailer, the plurality of air inlets in fluid communication with the gas turbine and the electrical generator, and the plurality of air inlets configured to receive and filter air comprising at least one of combustion air and ventila-

tion air, wherein the plurality of air inlets comprises a pair of ventilation air inlets, the electrical generator is configured to receive a portion of ventilation air from the pair of ventilation air inlets, the trailer further comprises a plenum in fluid communication with the pair of ventilation air inlets, the electrical generator comprises one or more fans in fluid communication with the plenum and configured to draw an amount of the portion of ventilation air into an inlet of the electrical generator, and a remaining amount of the portion of ventilation air in the plenum is configured to be diverted to surround an outside of the electrical generator.

- 2. The mobile power generation system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of air inlets comprises a plurality of 15 combustion air inlets.
- 3. The mobile power generation system of claim 2, wherein the plurality of combustion air inlets comprises a first pair of combustion air inlets and a second pair of combustion air inlets.
- 4. The mobile power generation system of claim 2, wherein each of the plurality of air inlets is configured to include an opening sized and shaped to hold an air filter, and each combustion air inlet comprises an opening configured to receive a pair of air filters such that one air filter is stacked 25 within another air filter.
- 5. The mobile power generation system of claim 4, wherein the opening of each combustion air inlet is a 2 foot by 2 foot opening.
- 6. The mobile power generation system of claim 4, 30 wherein the plurality of combustion air inlets comprises at least a pair of combustion air inlets, and a plurality of baffles is positioned between the pair of combustion air inlets, each baffle configured to assist with absorption of noise energy and having a thickness in a range of from about 2 inches to 35 about 8 inches thick.
- 7. The mobile power generation system of claim 2, wherein the gas turbine is configured to receive combustion air from the plurality of combustion air inlets.
- 8. The mobile power generation system of claim 7, 40 wherein the trailer further comprises a plenum centrally disposed between and in fluid cooperation with the plurality of combustion air inlets, and the gas turbine comprises a duct downstream of the plenum and disposed between the plenum and the gas turbine, the plenum and the duct 45 configured for receipt of combustion air.
- 9. The mobile power generation system of claim 8, wherein the duct comprises a bell-mouth inlet duct configured to be a convergent inlet air duct to direct combustion air into an inlet of the gas turbine.
- 10. The mobile power generation system of claim 9, wherein the bell-mouth inlet duct comprises an area that decreases in size in a downstream direction in which combustion air flows into the gas turbine.
- 11. The mobile power generation system of claim 9, 55 wherein the inlet of the gas turbine is configured to receive 28,000 CFM of combustion air.
- 12. The mobile power generation system of claim 1, wherein the portion of ventilation air comprises a ²/₃ of the ventilation air, and the remaining portion of ventilation air 60 comprises ¹/₃ of the ventilation air.
- 13. The mobile power generation system of claim 1, wherein the ventilation air in the plenum comprises 15,000 CFM, the inlet of the electrical generator is configured to receive 10,000 CFM of ventilation air, and the remaining 65 portion of ventilation air to surround the outside of the electrical generator comprises 5,000 CFM.

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- 14. The mobile power generation system of claim 1, wherein:
 - the electrical generator is configured to release the portion of ventilation from within through an outlet of the electrical generator for combination with the remaining portion of ventilation air surrounding the electrical generator to form a recombined ventilation air;
 - a base opening section is configured to receive the recombined ventilation air and direct the recombined ventilation air in a downstream flow for capture an air capture area comprising a fan unit; and
 - the fan unit is configured to release the recombined ventilation air to atmosphere.
- 15. The mobile power generation system of claim 14, wherein the air capture area is configured to surround a diffuser disposed downstream of the gas turbine toward the front end of the trailer.
- 16. The mobile power generation system of claim 1, further comprising:
 - a plurality of silencer hoods respectively comprising a plurality of air inlets, each air inlet of each silencer hood disposed at a top end of each silencer hood and in fluid communication with a corresponding air inlet of the plurality of air inlets disposed on the side panel of the trailer; and
 - one or more vane depositors positioned in each silencer hood between each air inlet disposed at the top end of each silencer hood and the corresponding air inlet disposed on the side panel of the trailer, wherein each vane depositor is configured to extract water from air.
 - 17. A method for air filtration in a mobile power generation system, the method comprising:
 - providing the mobile power generation system comprising:
 - a trailer including a rear end, a front end, a bottom end, and a top end defining therebetween an interior space;
 - a gas turbine housed inside the trailer in the interior space;
 - an electrical generator coupled to the gas turbine to generate electricity and housed inside the trailer in the interior space, the electrical generator comprising an inlet and one or more fans in fluid communication with the inlet; and
 - at least a pair of ventilation air inlets and a plurality of combustion air inlets disposed near the top end of the trailer on a side panel of the trailer, the side panel disposed below the top end and between the rear end and the front end of the trailer; and
 - receiving, into the gas turbine, combustion air from the plurality of combustion air inlets for combustion in the gas turbine;
 - receiving, into and around the electrical generator, ventilation air from the pair of ventilation air inlets, comprising:
 - drawing the ventilation air from the pair of ventilation air inlets into a second plenum in fluid communication with the pair of ventilation air inlets;
 - drawing a first portion of the ventilation air from the second plenum into the inlet of the electrical generator through the one or more fans of the electrical generator; and
 - drawing a second portion of the ventilation air from the second plenum to around an outside of the electrical generator;

cooling the electrical generator through the ventilation air;

releasing the ventilation air from the electrical generator; and

releasing the ventilation air to atmosphere.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein:

receiving, into the gas turbine, combustion air from the plurality of combustion air inlets comprises:

receiving combustion air through the plurality of combustion air inlets;

drawing the combustion air to a first plenum centrally and fluidly disposed between the plurality of combustion air inlets; and

directing the combustion air from the first plenum into the gas turbine.

19. A mobile power generation system comprising: a trailer including a rear end, a front end, a bottom end, and a top end defining therebetween an interior space; a gas turbine housed inside the trailer in the interior space; an electrical generator coupled to the gas turbine to generate electricity and housed inside the trailer in the interior space; and

a plurality of air inlets disposed on a side panel of the trailer, the side panel disposed below the top end and

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between the rear end and the front end of the trailer, the plurality of air inlets in fluid communication with the gas turbine and the electrical generator, and the plurality of air inlets configured to receive and filter air comprising at least one of combustion air and ventilation air, and

a plurality of silencer hoods respectively comprising a plurality of air inlets, each air inlet of each silencer hood disposed at a top end of each silencer hood and in fluid communication with a corresponding air inlet of the plurality of air inlets disposed on the side panel of the trailer.

20. The mobile power generation system of claim 19, further comprising:

one or more vane depositors positioned in each silencer hood between each air inlet disposed at the top end of each silencer hood and the corresponding air inlet disposed on the side panel of the trailer, wherein each vane depositor is configured to extract water from air.

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